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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its nineteenth report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1907, to Nov. 30, 1908.

The Commission.

Mr. Deloraine P. Corey has been reappointed by Governor Guild for the full term of five years from Oct. 2, 1908.

Free Libraries for All.

Every town in the State has the benefit of a free public library. Some have several branches and others have libraries under separate management in addition to the town library.

Towns classified as to Libraries.

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the management of the libraries: —

Class 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people.

Abington,	Amesbury,	Ashland,
Acushnet,	Andover,	Athol,
Adams,	Arlington,	Attleborough,
Agawam,	Ashburnham,	Auburn,
Alford,	Ashby,	Avon,

Bellingham,
Belmont,
Berkley,
Berlin,
Beverly,
Blackstone,
Blandford,
Bolton,
Boston,
Bourne,
Boxborough,
Boylston,
Bridgewater,
Brimfield,
Brockton,
Brookfield,
Brookline,
Burlington,
Cambridge,
Canton,
Carlisle,
Carver,
Charlemont,
Charlton,
Chelmsford,
Chelsea,
Chester,
Chesterfield,
Chicopee,
Chilmark,
Clarksburg,
Clinton,
Cohasset,
Colrain,
Dalton,
Dana,
Dartmouth,
Dedham,
Deerfield,
Dennis,
Dighton,
Douglas,
Dover,
Dracut,
Dudley,
Dunstable,
East Bridgewater,
Eastham,
East Longmeadow,
Edgartown,
Egremont,
Erving,
Essex,
Everett,
Fall River,
Falmouth,
Fitchburg,
Florida,
Foxborough,
Framingham,
Freetown,
Gay Head,
Gill,
Goshen,
Gosnold,
Granby,
Granville,
Greenfield,
Greenwich,
Groton,
Groveland,
Hadley,
Halifax,
Hamilton,
Hampden,
Hancock,
Hanover,
Hanson,
Hardwick,
Harvard,
Hatfield,
Hawley,
Heath,
Holbrook,
Holden,
Holland,
Holliston,
Hopedale,
Hubbardston,
Hudson,
Hull,
Huntington,
Hyde Park,
Kingston,
Lakeville,
Lancaster,
Lanesborough,
Leicester,
Leominster,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Longmeadow,
Lowell,
Ludlow,
Lunenburg,
Lynn,
Lynnfield,
Manchester,
Mansfield,
Marblehead,
Marlborough,
Marshfield,
Mashpee,
Mattapoisett,
Maynard,
Medfield,
Medford,
Medway,
Melrose,
Mendon,
Merrimac,
Middleborough,
Middlefield,
Middleton,
Milford,
Millbury,
Millis,
Milton,
Monroe,
Montague,
Monterey,
Montgomery,
Mount Washington,
Nahant,
Natick,
Needham,
New Ashford,
New Bedford,

New Braintree,
Newburyport,
New Marlborough,
New Salem,
Newton,
Norfolk,
North Adams,
Northampton,
North Andover,
North Attleborough,
Northborough,
North Brookfield,
Northfield,
North Reading,
Norwood,
Oakham,
Orange,
Orleans,
Otis,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Peabody,
Pelham,
Pepperell,
Peru,
Phillipston,
Plainfield,
Plainville,
Plympton,
Prescott,
Provincetown,
Quincy,
Reading,
Revere,
Richmond,
Rochester,
Rockland,
Rockport,
Rowe,
Rowley,
Royalston,
Russell,
Rutland,
Salisbury,
Sandisfield,
Sandwich,
Saugus,
Savoy,
Seekonk,
Sharon,
Sheffield,
Shelburne,
Sherborn,
Shirley,
Shrewsbury,
Shutesbury,
Somerset,
Somerville,
Southampton,
Southborough,
Southbridge,
South Hadley,
Southwick,
Spencer,
Sterling,
Stoneham,
Stoughton,
Stow,
Sturbridge,
Sudbury,
Sunderland,
Sutton,
Swampscott,
Swansea,
Taunton,
Templeton,
Tewksbury,
Tolland,
Topsfield,
Townsend,
Truro,
Tyngsborough,
Tyringham,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Wakefield,
Wales,
Walpole,
Waltham,
Warwick,
Watertown,
Wayland,
Webster,
Wellfleet,
Wendell,
Wenham,
Westborough,
West Boylston,
West Bridgewater,
West Brookfield,
Westford,
Westminster,
West Newbury,
Weston,
Westport,
West Springfield,
West Stockbridge,
Westwood,
Weymouth,
Whately,
Whitman,
Wilbraham,
Williamsburg,
Williamstown,
Wilmington,
Winchendon,
Winchester,
Windsor,
Winthrop,
Worcester,
Wrentham. — 274.

Class 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Acton,	Franklin,	Methuen,
Ayer,	Georgetown,	Norton,
Barre,	Grafton,	Palmer,
Bedford,	Haverhill,	Pembroke,
Belchertown,	Hingham,	Petersham,
Bernardston,	Hinsdale,	Pittsfield,
Boxford,	Holyoke,	Randolph,
Braintree,	Lawrence,	Salem,
Concord,	Lenox,	Springfield,
Cummington,	Lexington,	Warren,
Danvers,	Lincoln,	Wellesley,
Easthampton,	Littleton,	Westfield,
Enfield,	Malden,	Woburn. — 39.

Class 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Amherst,	Great Barrington,	Princeton,
Ashfield,	Harwich,	Scituate,
Brewster,	Lee,	Stockbridge,
Chatham,	Monson,	Tisbury,
Cheshire,	Nantucket,	Ware,
Cottage City,	Northbridge,	Westhampton,
Duxbury,	Plymouth,	West Tisbury. — 22.
Gardner,		

Class 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Barnstable,	Fairhaven,	Raynham,
Becket,	Gloucester,	Rehoboth,
Billerica,	Hopkinton,	Wareham,
Buckland,	Ipswich,	Worthington,
Conway,	Marion,	Yarmouth. — 17.
Easton,	Norwell,	

Class 5.

Towns which have the free use of public libraries in other places.

Newbury, ... Newburyport Public Library.
Washington, ... Becket Athenæum. — 2.

Library News and Notes of Progress.

The following paragraphs, gleaned from library reports and various other sources, will be read with interest by all who have the encouragement and fostering of the free public libraries of the Commonwealth at heart: —

Abington. A steady gain in circulation is reported, — 34,020 for the year, of which 59 per cent. was at the branch library. Over 75 per cent. of the total was fiction. A considerable number of books have been given to the library during the year.

Acton. The number of volumes has passed the 10,000 mark during the past year, and the circulation has been 5,669. Accessions have numbered 531, of which 42 have been gifts.

Acushnet. The number of books taken out and the number of persons who use the reading table increase constantly, and the chief drawback to the full success of the library now is the insufficient accommodation in the present quarters. A modern dictionary, an encyclopædia and various valuable reference books have been added, and the teachers and pupils of the public schools are more and more relying on the library for help in certain studies and essays. The trustees suggest that the town should give the library the amount of the dog tax. The Woman's Education Association loaned an interesting collection of photographs of China. The Proscenium Club of New Bedford gave a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the library, the proceeds being applied to subscriptions for magazines for the Long Plain branch.

Adams. Some years ago the library received from the trustees of the Lyman Crawford estate a sum of money, the interest of which was to be used at stated intervals for the purchase of books. This year, for the first time, the interest, a little over $200, has been applied to this purpose, and a collection of books on the useful arts and the fine arts has been bought and placed in a special case, inscribed Lyman Crawford Collection. It is hoped that other friends of the library will imitate Mr. Crawford's example. This year the plan of limiting to seven days the time in which new fiction may be retained, with a fine of three cents a day for overtime, has been adopted. The plan is received with favor, and a noticeable increase in circulation has resulted, being nearly 1,200 larger than in 1906. Eleven exhibits of pictures from the Library Art Club have been made. The trustees express grief at the death of Dr. G. W. Burton, intimately connected with the library from its start, and for years chairman of the Board. Mrs. Lois B. Holden was chosen to fill the vacancy.

ALFORD. The circulation for the past year has shown a decrease, both in the books owned by the library and in those loaned by the Woman's Education Association. The town appropriation having been cut from $25 to $20, the trustees ascribe the lack of funds with which to buy new books occasionally as the chief cause for the waning interest.

AMESBURY. The circulation gained 4,000 in 1907, reaching 37,326, the highest point in the library's history. A bequest of $1,000 from Mrs. William H. Swasey of Newburyport has been named the James Babson Fund, in memory of her brother, a former citizen of Amesbury. A bequest of $2,526 from the estate of John A. Healey, one of the old carriage mechanics of Amesbury, has been designated the John Andrew Healey Fund. The deaths of Dr. Horace G. Leslie, a trustee for ten years, and John Hume, a former trustee, are mentioned with deep regret. The will of the late Moses Newell Huntington, also a former trustee, leaves to the library about 70 books, a collection of engravings and his large collection of minerals, relics, etc., and money enough to provide cases for their safe keeping. A large oil painting, valued at $1,000, was the gift of the artist, Charles H. Davis. Many gifts of books and periodicals also are acknowledged.

AMHERST. Town Library. Owing to fewer days of opening, the circulation has not quite equalled that of 1906, but 291 volumes have been added, making the total in the catalogue 11,158. Dramatic entertainments given by friends have yielded nearly $300 for the purchase of books of English and dramatic literature. Several books have been presented. The deaths of Henry Adams, long a member and former vice-president, and of Orson G. Couch, a corporate member and first secretary, holding that office for thirty years, are much deplored.

North Amherst Library Association. Miss Ella F. Hall has been made an honorary member, in recognition of her voluntary services in establishing the card catalogue system. The directors have been empowered and directed to equip the library with electric lights, if in their judgment the expense is not too great.

ANDOVER. The work of reorganization, mentioned in the last report, has gone steadily on, and some of its results are shown in the great increase in circulation — 10,767 above 1906 — and in the appreciation by the public of the new books and the open shelves. The work with the schools has been most encouraging, the teachers co-operating most cordially with the library staff. Special work in conjunction with the Tuesday and November clubs also has been productive of good results. The needs of Sunday-school teachers have been considered, and the Phillips fund, mentioned in the last report, has made it possible to provide for them with

unusual generosity. The Woman's Education Association has sent one traveling library on Venice, with accompanying photographs, which was greatly enjoyed. During November and December Miss Twichell told Thanksgiving and Christmas stories to the children, who came in groups of ten, to their great delight and benefit. A suggestion in the last report of the librarian, that the antiquated scientific books on the shelves should be weeded out and be replaced by an up-to-date collection of practical works on textile subjects, has been realized, the owners of the local cotton mills and rubber works personally defraying the cost. The town at its last annual meeting voted $500, in addition to the dog tax, for the support of the library — a very gratifying departure from the usage of former years. The entire library is now equipped with the Browne loan system, and its results are shown in these circulation statistics: Jan. 1, to Aug. 31, 1906, 11,422 volumes; same period, 1908, 23,646 volumes.

ARLINGTON. Robbins Library. To make good in part the withdrawal of the Booklovers' Library, a certain number of books has been kept at the Arlington Heights reading room during the past seven months, the number delivered during that period from this reading room being 195, and the number of volumes there being 583. The total circulation was a trifle less than in 1906, doubtless due to the withdrawal of the Booklovers' Library, with its large supply of fiction. The library was represented in the centennial celebration parade by a float containing two paintings of the old Adams house, the former home of the library. Miss Louise V. Marsh, for fifteen years in charge of the children's room, resigned and was succeeded by Miss Edith C. Rice. Several exhibitions of pictures have been made, and the library has received many gifts of books and periodicals.

ASHBURNHAM. The covers have been removed from all the books except the juveniles and fiction, thus giving a chance for all interested to see what the library contains. It is intended that all newly purchased books shall remain for at least a month on a special shelf, where they can be inspected by all visitors, afterward being distributed to their proper departments. A large new case has been added to the furnishings, relieving the previous congestion. A card catalogue of authors in a special case has been completed by Mrs. William D. Miller, for whose arduous and valuable labor the trustees express gratitude.

ASHLAND. A gift worthy of mention is noted: 12 quarto volumes, superbly bound, including Longfellow (3 volumes), "History of the Crusades" (2 volumes), La Fontaine's "Fables," and reproductions of famous paintings. The donor is a former resident of Ashland, and his gift is highly appreciated. The open-shelf

system has proved a complete success, and it is believed that no books have been stolen since it was inaugurated. The shelf list of books prepared by the librarian has been completed, and is of great assistance in making the annual examination. Several exhibitions of pictures from the Art Library Association have added to the interest in the library during the past year.

ATHOL. The circulation continues to show a gratifying increase, and the work in the young people's department, with the co-operation of the school teachers, is having encouraging results. More commodious quarters for this department are needed. The duplicate collection is being increased as rapidly as possible, and is becoming popular, enabling patrons to obtain new fiction promptly at a slight cost. The cost of rebinding books is becoming such a heavy burden that the librarian suggests the advisability of buying books put into strong bindings directly from the sheets. Though the first cost would be a little greater, the annoyance of having to withdraw recent books from the shelves for several weeks at a time, awaiting rebinding, would be obviated.

ATTLEBOROUGH. The new library building, opened to the public Nov. 7, 1907, as mentioned in the last report, proves to be much more convenient and comfortable, both for the patrons and for the attendants, than the former quarters, and the result is largely increased attendance and interest. The children, especially, are making much use of their pleasant room after school hours, and high school students are using the reference room freely. A re-registration, begun when the new library was occupied, had reached a total of 1,750 borrowers by January 1. The open-shelf system is giving satisfaction; the average loss per year for eleven years is 7 from the children's and 14 from the adult department. The library has been open from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. on week days and the reading room on Sundays from 3 to 9 P.M. The second floor of the building is open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 3 to 6 P.M. The Cutter numbering for fiction has been abandoned, as of no special value; this makes a saving in labor. The dictionary system of cataloguing is being applied to all new books; it will be extended to old books as fast as convenient. Many books in bad condition when the library was removed were sent to a small library at Westport Mills, in charge of Dr. Burt.

AUBURN. A branch library has been started at Stoneville, and at last report 43 persons were availing themselves of its facilities. Public school teachers and scholars have made more use of the library during the past year than ever before, and a general awakening of interest is apparent. The trustees have bought about 100 new books during the past summer, and some improve-

ments have been made in the library room, especially the removal of the railing, so that patrons now can go to the shelves without hindrance. The card catalogue is practically complete and is much used by readers. A collection of minerals and woods was placed on exhibition by the librarian for a time, and the Woman's Education Association loaned a collection of bird charts in the autumn, largely for the use of the teachers.

AVON. Larger quarters, allowing more shelf room, are becoming a necessity if the library is to fill the place which the public demand of it. There has been an increasing inquiry for scientific works of an educational nature and some of the best standard books have been bought. The trustees recognize the importance of supplying this most laudable demand, and will give more attention to this branch of the library's needs during the coming year. The Dewey catalogue system is proving a success.

AYER. The trustees, realizing the importance of familiarizing the public with the library and its contents, which they believe better attained by a brief personal examination of the books themselves than by any number of catalogues, have made a beginning toward making the books more accessible. A bookcase has been placed just outside the librarian's desk, for all the newest books, which all who visit the library are free to examine. The trustees recommend the free use of the privilege of examining books in the reading room by taking them out on the slips provided for that purpose, and that the teachers encourage their pupils to use the library, and suggest to them proper courses of study. A gift of 10 volumes from the estate of the late Rev. A. S. Hudson is acknowledged.

BARNSTABLE. Centerville Free Public Library Association. During the past summer the library has received one gift of $100, besides others of smaller amounts; another $100 has been raised by the Library Aid and added to the funds.

Cotuit Library. For the year ending Aug. 1, 1908, there were 4,678 books in the library, with a circulation of 4,917. The P. M. Club presented the library with $60 worth of books, also a large number of periodicals. Summer visitors to Cotuit are free to use this library, which is supported wholly by voluntary gifts, but they are requested to contribute to its maintenance.

Hyannis Free Public Library Association. This library has been moved from the unprepossessing room which it has occupied in a business block to a house on Main Street, recently bought by Dr. James Otis, where he has fitted up three rooms for the use of the library, — a reading room, a children's room and a general room, — all light, clean and cheerful. It opened in its new quarters Sept. 19, 1908. Miss Bradford, the librarian, re-

cently resigned, and Miss Martha N. Soule has been made director for the present.

Marston's Mills Public Library. This library is closed for a time, owing to lack of funds.

Osterville Public Library. A children's alcove, costing $600, has been built. A gift of $100 was received in August, and Burton Holmes's "Travelogues," 10 volumes, bought with a part of this money. In July and August, 2,611 volumes were distributed. This was considerably more than the circulation of the whole previous year.

BARRE. The experiment of branch libraries at South Barre and Barre Plains has been tried since August 1, and is still considered as in the experimental stage. The former branch is open two evenings each week, G. Garfield Glass being in charge; that at Barre Plains is open one afternoon a week, and is in charge of members of the Ladies' Aid Society. One hundred books were sent to each place, and they will be changed as often as seems necessary.

BECKET. The Becket Athenæum has re-elected Omri S. Willis president, Charles E. Lyman vice-president, Miss Mary E. Church secretary, Miss H. C. Snow treasurer, Henry A. Jennings auditor and Mrs. Eliza Millard librarian. Misses Snow and Church were chosen a committee to buy new books.

BEDFORD. The trustees believe that the problem of the care and preservation of the famous Bedford flag, believed to have been carried to Concord, April 19, 1775, by Nathaniel Page, Jr., one of the Bedford minutemen, has been solved. A substantial case has been made, which is securely attached to one of the inner sides of the town vault. Within this case the flag has been carefully stretched between two sheets of plate glass, so that both sides of the flag can be seen when it is on exhibition. The danger of the destruction of this priceless relic by fire is thus averted. Books added during the year, 824, making the aggregate 8,524; circulation, 9,427. Gifts of books during the year, 446; from Edwin Brooks fund, 211; purchased, 167.

BELCHERTOWN. The trustees voted at their annual meeting in June to close the library on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings, thus reducing the open hours per week by five, as the attendance did not warrant the previous schedule. For the quarter ended August 31 the circulation was 2,457. The experiment tried by the superintendent of schools, of sending collections of books to the outlying schools, proved successful, 57 books having a circulation of 480. The library received $1,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Harriette Dwight Longley, in memory of her father, Nathaniel Dwight, a trustee of the library from its incorporation in

1887 to his death. Miss Barton, the librarian, was re-elected by the trustees, having held the position during the twenty-one years of the library's existence. D. P. Clapp, president of the Clapp Memorial Library, which was presented to the town by his brother, John Francis Clapp, died of pneumonia at St. Augustine, Fla., on Christmas day, 1908. He was the last member of a family of six children of James Harvey Clapp, was seventy-four years old, and, though a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., for many years, was always a loyal son of Belchertown, and his fine summer residence in that town was always a source of great pleasure to him and was maintained at a large yearly expense.

BELLINGHAM. A branch has been established at Crooks' Corner, making five branches where about 60 books are kept on hand for delivery and exchanged by free transportation every six weeks. Both juveniles and adults are reading better books than formerly. The appropriation for the past year having been reduced from $200 to $150, seriously hampers the library in its work.

BELMONT. The circulation for 1907 showed a greater increase than in any year since 1903, the first year after the opening of the new library building. The books added numbered 306. Books have been sent to Waverley twice a week, as usual, the number circulated totaling 4,519. The weekly delivery at Payson Park aggregated 2,307. The kindness of Miss Freeman in taking charge of this delivery is much appreciated. The Library Art Club sent fifteen exhibitions of pictures, and an exhibition of photographs by local artists was much enjoyed.

BERNARDSTON. The librarian, who gained useful and valuable knowledge during a period spent at the library school in Boston, through the kindness of the Free Public Library Commission, has made a beginning in collecting historical data relating to the town and its inhabitants, and is trying to obtain pictures, pamphlets, newspaper reports of notable events, etc., to add to the collection. Already she has received several gifts of pictures, notably some early portraits of Governor Cushman. A friend of the town has offered the library a large collection of pamphlets, pictures, town reports covering many years, etc., on consideration of a suitable place being provided. The circulation is growing steadily.

BEVERLY. The work of the library and the accommodation of its patrons are seriously hampered by lack of room, and a new building is becoming a pressing necessity. The increase in circulation and the consequent increase in accessions are emphasizing these conditions. For 1907 the circulation increased more than 2,000 over that of the previous year, and the net gain in accessions was 1,037. The reading room in Endicott block showed

a gain in readers and students of more than 200, and is becoming more and more a great convenience. The school circulation of 5,919 was particularly encouraging and especially helpful. The Farms branch circulated 5,959 volumes. The Edward Burley fund amounts to $881, having accumulated from a bequest of $500 in 1892. It is reserved as the nucleus of a permanent fund, to which it is hoped additions may be made from time to time.

BLANDFORD. By the will of Mrs. Josephine S. Porter of Hartford, the giver of the library building, who died in May, 1908, the library will receive, on the settlement of her estate, $2,000 in trust, the income of which is to be used to pay the insurance premiums on the building and its contents and to purchase new books. Gifts of books and magazine subscriptions have been made by summer cottagers the past season, and the Woman's Education Association has loaned the library its collection of books and pictures on Dutch and Flemish art, which has been much enjoyed.

BOLTON. The library is much indebted to Miss Zipporah Sawyer of Medford for the gift of 166 volumes, among them a set of the Century "Dictionary and Cyclopedia;" to the Lancaster Town Library for several volumes, including a registered copy of the "White House Gallery" of official portraits of the Presidents; and to Mr. G. A. Brown of Clinton for 31 volumes.

BOSTON. The Boston Public Library is not a single isolated collection of books, but a system of libraries, including not only the central library in Copley Square, but also 28 branches and reading rooms in different parts of the city, to which books are regularly delivered, as well as to 46 engine houses, 31 institutions and to 108 public and parochial schools. The maintenance of this system involves the care and management of properties representing an investment of at least $5,000,000, and the library corporation holds $422,224 in invested trust funds. The experiment mentioned in last year's notes, of restricting access to open shelves, has worked successfully, without friction, and has reduced the number of books lost. Children under sixteen years of age are required to present a library card or identification ticket before being admitted to open shelves in branches and reading rooms. The plan has had a good effect on discipline, preventing the influx of crowds of disorderly children and promoting the attendance of adults. The conservative policy as to the selection and purchase of fiction has been maintained, as for several years past. The number of volumes of English prose fiction bought during the year was 1,623, costing $1,573. Replacements of fiction worn out required 8,123 volumes. The total number of volumes added by gift and purchase numbered

40,742, — an increase of 3,290 as compared with the previous year, — and the net increase was 18,999, making the total in the Boston library system 922,348. The circulation figures for home use are as follows: central library, 371,809; branch department, 1,046,023; schools and institutions, 111,279; total, 1,529,111; increase over previous year, 67,708. The use of the library through its reference and reading-room service, while not registered statistically, probably exceeds the home use of books. At times the great Bates Hall reading room is taxed to its full capacity, and about 500,000 call slips for the use of books at its tables have been used in the past year. The children's department of the central library issued 55,379 books directly and 20,054 more through the branch department. The total cost of maintenance for the year was $341,750.56, of which $95,234 was for branches and stations. A new reading room was opened at 1518 Tremont Street, a reading room at 362 Neponset Avenue was substituted for a shop station in that section, the Mattapan reading room was transferred to a new and more central location, and the Upham's Corner reading room was made a branch library. The collection in the fine arts department has been increased to 18,865 photographs and 7,943 process pictures, which are in great demand for school and art class work and for exhibitions. During the year 66 study clubs visited this department for purposes of study, with an attendance of 868, besides constant visits of students from the Fine Arts Museum and Normal Art School and other like institutions. Oil portraits of four of the ministers of the old West Church (now the West End branch) have been presented by Miss Elizabeth Bartol, and have been hung on the walls of the building in which the originals ministered for many years. Free lectures, with stereopticon illustrations were given in the lecture hall weekly from November to May, and were largely attended. The character of the evening and Sunday use of the library shows that many readers would be unable to use it during the week-day working hours. Reference work with public school teachers and pupils is becoming more and more extensive and important. Each branch and station is visited in the latter part of the day by children from neighboring schools seeking assistance in their work, which is freely and cheerfully given.

Boxborough. The library has had the most prosperous year of its history, the circulation showing an increase of 1,200 volumes in the past two years, while 170 books were added during the year. Mrs. Sarah S. T. Law, a former resident, gave a dozen volumes, and unknown friends in Boston, after inquiring if 50 books would be acceptable, sent 72. The beautiful set of pictures loaned by the Woman's Education Association was the most

interesting and instructive yet sent here. No fines were collected during the year, as the books were generally promptly returned, and the librarian, in case of very bad weather, renewed books without being requested to do so. She expresses herself as willing to see that a supply of books is sent to any one who wishes them and is unable to come to the library for them.

BOXFORD. The chief improvement in this library during the year has been the adoption of the Dewey system of classification, which was begun a year ago by Miss Mary Sawyer, who with Miss Bessie Cleaveland are the volunteer librarians, Miss Sawyer acting when at home and Miss Cleaveland in the former's absence. The classification and the preparation of the card catalogue was a labor of love on Miss Sawyer's part, the library bearing no part of the expense. A successful garden party and some individual gifts provided the money for the card cabinet of nine drawers, the cards, etc., and left some surplus for purchasing books. Some worn books have been rebound and more new ones purchased than in any previous year for some time past. The library is attractive and all its resources available. While it is not open for the distribution of books except on Saturday afternoons, any one desiring may take the key and have free access to the shelves, using the library for a reading and reference room any day and all day.

BOYLSTON. Mrs. Lucy A. Moore Richardson of Worcester, a former resident, painted and gave to the library a beautiful oil landscape, "Scene on the Charles River," and Henry L. Reed of Boylston presented a valuable case of stuffed birds. Numerous other gifts from friends are noted. The trustees have bought two card catalogue cabinets and the card catalogue is nearly completed.

BRAINTREE. At the close of 1907 Miss Abbie M. Arnold, who had served as librarian since 1874, resigned, and the trustees put on record their appreciation of her long and faithful service. Miss Caroline M. Wilkinson of Laconia, N. H., a graduate of Simmons College, who has had previous experience in classifying and cataloguing libraries, was appointed her successor, and a thorough reorganization of the library administration was begun. The Browne charging system and the Dewey classification were introduced, with satisfactory results. The shelves are all open to the public, and the children's books have been separated from those for adults, enabling the librarian to watch the children's reading more closely than heretofore. Work with the schools has been encouraged and the co-operation between the teachers and the library force is showing gratifying results. Books are sent to the schools on application, and an increased circulation

of books for supplementary reading, especially in history and biography, is noted. A list for use in the lower grades is being prepared. The hour of opening has been changed from 2 to 12.30 P.M., to accommodate high school and Thayer Academy pupils. Renewed interest in the library is being shown among the townspeople. A gift of $100 by Mr. George O. Wales; another gift of $100 to help pay for the new steel stacks, a greatly appreciated improvement; an appropriation of $150 by the Philergians, for the improvement of the reading room, in the interest of the young people; and the gift of $150 by the Woman's Club, for new tables and chairs in the children's room, are illustrations of this public appreciation. More up-to-date, practical books for those engaged in useful occupations are needed and it is hoped soon will be secured.

BREWSTER. The circulation has shown a large increase over 1907, having been 2,500. During the year a wide granolithic walk has been laid from the library to the street, which has added much to the appearance of the place. A series of card parties was given in the library rooms during the summer, the proceeds being used for the general purposes of the library. Mr. A. L. Thorndike, a summer resident, presented two weekly and seven monthly magazines for the year. Additions to the books were 50 volumes. The library is open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2 to 5.

BRIDGEWATER. A gift of $5,000 has been received. The library has been opened on Sundays with fair attendance, and on four evenings a week. The lighting of the stack room has been improved during the past year; more shelf room is needed urgently; enough can be added at small expense to meet immediate needs. The installation of steel stacks will be necessary before long, in the interests of economy of room and efficiency of service. Another step that must be taken soon is the establishment of a children's room. A bequest of $1,000 for the use of the library, under the will of the late Mrs. Ellen Bates Markham, has been paid into the town treasury during the year, and several other gifts from friends of the library have been received.

BRIMFIELD. More than ever before, the library has become, during the past year, a power as a social center, as well as the focus of the intellectual activities of the town. The opening of the electric railway enables the residents of East Brimfield to visit the library, make their own selections of books and enjoy the other advantages to be found there. West Brimfield people, also, are sharing in its benefits, and so many persons from out of town have been drawn to the library that a friend has presented a visitor's book, wherein over 300 from other places registered dur-

ing the season. A recent visitor writes to the Springfield "Republican:" "Thanks to the sympathetic planning of Miss Mary A. Tarbell, the librarian, the library has become a leading influence in the village life. There is an air of sociability about the place which does not often mingle with the atmosphere of books. The great fireplace in the reading room has become in truth 'the village hearthstone.' In cold weather a roaring fire is kept burning, and the farmers who come sometimes for miles to get out a book find here a friendly comfort. Often on winter evenings the village people gather about the hearthstone for some quiet form of social diversion. Various literary and historical societies use the library as their visiting place. The library has been recently enriched by the gift of two remarkable volumes from George Bacon of Springfield. These are the books called 'Ancient Egypt or Mizraim,' the work of Samuel Augustus Binion. He prepared these volumes with a marvellous set of illustrations. The edition was limited and the two sold together for $600. The true value of the books was not realized until it was discovered by accident last June." The library had on exhibition during the summer the drawings and color designs (including those that won for him a scholarship) of Walter E. Corbin, a young man of the town, now a student at Pratt Institute. These, to the number of 75, were placed about the library, so as to be decorative as well as inspiring. There was also a remarkable book, made by the same young man, which was kept on the reading room table for examination. It was a handbook of heraldry, illustrated with more than 300 drawings of armorial bearings in color. The influence on the young people of this work of one of their number was noteworthy. The librarian is paying much attention to the collecting of local photographs and post cards, with special reference to those illustrating improvements in local farming and its products. One picture represents a beehive, from which an unusually large quantity of honey is being taken by a local enthusiast in bee keeping. The young folks have been entertained by stereoscopic views, of which several hundred, with a number of stereoscopes, have been presented. Many relics of local history have been placed in the library. The late Mrs. Eudocia Converse Flynt of Monson left a valuable set of books, "The World's Great Masterpieces," in 20 volumes, Mrs. Sarah Wales Dyer, another native of the town, has presented a fine landscape, and Mrs. William D. Stroud of Washington a valuable oil painting of her grandfather, Lothario Danielson, native of Brimfield and a cousin of Sarah Danielson, from whom the library took its name. Mrs. Mary Knight Hyde of Ware, a native of the town, has added another gift of $100 to the fund bearing

her name. The Bay Path Library Club held a meeting around the blazing hearth fire on November 5, at which addresses and papers of great interest and value to librarians formed the intellectual feature, and a dinner, the proceeds of which go to benefit the local improvement society, added to the social enjoyment.

BROCKTON. The most important single item of interest for the current library year has been an appropriation of $2,000 by the city government, which has made possible an improvement long desired, — the erection of a floor and additional shelves over a section of the library now occupied by stacks; also an enlargement of the children's room by cutting through into an adjoining room. These changes will afford relief to quarters long overcrowded. The circulation increase for the present year promises to be very large and shows a much wider use of the library. One effect of the augmented circulation has been an added cost for rebinding books, due to increased wear and tear. The application of the eight-hour law to binders doing municipal work has also added about 10 per cent. to the expense for this item. A special effort is being made to increase the number of books on applied science, and the new purchases in this field are eagerly read. The library has availed itself of the opportunity to secure current books in the reinforced binding that is supplied by some publishers; also purchasing freely from the lists of Cedric Chivers, who has done so much to improve the quality of library binding. Work with the schools has been supplemented by short talks to the children of the ninth grades, who have come to the library for elementary instruction in the use of the catalogue and reference books. This work has been carried on in a systematic way, through the kind co-operation of the superintendent of schools.

BROOKLINE. With the steady growth in population of the town there has been as steady an increase in the use of the library. The issue of books for home use and the registration of card holders have shown unusually large gains. The use of the library on Sundays has steadily increased, and the reference room and the alcoves especially are largely in demand by readers and students. An increased use of the open shelves is noted. The Lowell courses of history and English have attracted many students from Brookline, and for their use all of the prescribed and much of the collateral reading has been set apart on tables in the back of the library, so that the books are of use to all who need them, while if they were allowed to circulate a very few persons would monopolize them. The circulation of pictures, exclusive of those issued from the schoolroom, has been 1,393, an increase of 544,

or 64 per cent., over the previous year. Much attention has been paid to improving the collection of books in the children's reading room and to making it attractive. The work for the blind has been begun, the purpose being to form the nucleus of a collection of books in raised type, but especially to persuade the adult blind of the ease with which such books may be read, and to teach them to read. The needed equipment of alphabet cards, primers, slates for writing Braille and a Braille typewriter has been procured, as well as a few books. Owing to the generous policy of many of the large libraries having books for the blind, books may be borrowed to any extent, so that it will not be necessary to accumulate a large collection. Miss Jennie W. Bubier of Lynn, herself blind from birth, has been engaged to start the work, in which she has had great success in her home town. Upon the much-discussed subject of losses from the open shelves, the librarian gives the figures for the ten years since the alcoves were opened to the public, in comparison with the circulation for each year. It is encouraging to note that the losses do not increase in proportion to the circulation, and that the great part of the lost books are half-worn fiction and juveniles, taken carelessly and with no deliberate intention of theft. The greatest number lost in any one year was in 1903, 114, with a circulation of 137,144, while the number in 1907 was only 90, with a circulation of 156,129. The number of books added for the year was 3,662, and the home-use issues totaled 156,129, — a gain of 15,463, or 88 per cent., over the previous year. To accept a position as organizer of libraries in New York State, Miss Zaidee Brown has resigned her position of assistant librarian, and Miss Etheldred Abbot, late in charge of the Art Museum at Wellesley College, has been appointed her successor. The special committee, consisting of Messrs. James R. Dunbar, William H. Lincoln, Jerome Jones, James H. Boody, Henry B. Cabot, Frank B. Connor and Henry W. Lamb, which was appointed at the special town meeting of May 28, 1907, to consider and report on the question of a new library building (for which it was proposed to appropriate $400,000) presented its report in print at a special town meeting on Oct. 29, 1908, having devoted a great amount of time and research, aided by the services of experts, including Mr. Charles C. Soule and R. Clipston Sturgis. The committee asked for an appropriation of only $250,000, for which sum, it concluded, a suitable and adequate building could be erected. In the matter of site, after examining several proposed, it was the unanimous decision of the committee that the present site is best, from its central location, its fine grade and slope, its freedom from dust and noise, its ample

space and from the fact that the public is accustomed to it. The special town meeting voted to appropriate $244,000 for the new building, and to erect it on the old site, as recommended by the special committee.

CAMBRIDGE. The most important event in the history of the library since the erection of the present building was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment, on Wednesday evening, April 1, 1908. Exercises befitting the occasion were held in the delivery room and the reading room of the library building, which had been prepared under the direction of a special committee of arrangements. The program included six addresses and music by the Octavo Choral Club of Boston. After the exercises an informal reception, with refreshments, was held in the children's room, and the occasion proved to be a most enjoyable as well as a most memorable one. The publication, in July, of the "History of the Cambridge Public Library" was a fitting sequel to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment. The compilers were Dr. William J. Rolfe, in behalf of the board of trustees, and the librarian, Clarence W. Ayer. The book contains 96 pages, of which the historical sketch takes 50 pages, the addresses delivered at the anniversary celebration 25 pages, and the appendices 21. The illustrations, including the circulation chart, were reprinted from the annual report of the previous year. In the preparation of this work Dr. Rolfe gave the best part of two months' time, and the library is fortunate in having for chief compiler of its history a trustee who has known it so long and so well. The part relating to the library down to the occupancy of the present building in 1889 is based upon an earlier historical sketch, printed in 1891, portions of the latter being incorporated with little or no alteration. The conspicuous event in the history of the library is, as it always will be, the gift of the present building by the late Frederick H. Rindge. Of the six addresses that formed the program of the anniversary celebration, that of Mayor Walter C. Wardwell came first, dwelling with emphasis upon the need of a "fund of such size that the board of trustees may be able to carry out their laudable ambitions." The chief address of the evening, which came next, was most fittingly given by Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, describing, in some detail, the earlier conditions of the library with which he had been so intimately associated for fourteen years as trustee; that of Mr. William C. Bates, superintendent of schools, touched upon points of contact between the library and the schools, showing the importance of their co-operation; that of Mr. Sam Walter Foss, librarian of the Somerville public library, took the form chiefly of a humorous poem, entitled "The Old and the New Librarian;" that of Mr. Horace G. Wadlin, librarian of the Boston public

library, emphasized the importance of the public library to every community; and the last, that of Ex-mayor and Ex-trustee Augustine J. Daly, made a plea for a wider extension of the field of library work to include the use of the public school buildings. Especially noteworthy and appropriate were the introductions to each of the speakers, which were given by the president of the board, Dr. Eugene A. McCarthy. The appendices, prepared by the librarian, include a revision of the "Rules for the Use of the Library," the "Rules for the Board of Trustees," schedules of the annual appropriations, funds of the trustees, number of books in the library, a circulation chart, and lists of the trustees, librarians and members of the staff. On Dec. 10, 1907, was issued a "Bibliography of William James Rolfe," a pamphlet of 40 pages, in commemoration of his eightieth birthday. The annual visits of the pupils of the ninth grades of the grammar schools were continued in April, and, by a change of plan, the visits for the next school year were made in October, in order that the pupils of that grade might have opportunity for still more instruction before they graduated in the following spring. Extensive repairs were made in the summer at the East Cambridge branch, and with the aid of a generous appropriation the North Cambridge branch received a large addition to its own collection of books. The work of the cataloguing department has increased beyond the capacity of its members, partly on account of the needs of the North Cambridge branch, and readjustments of the whole service have been necessary in order to keep up with the demands made upon this department. In order to do its work, the library should have at least one more assistant. The circulation of books for the old fiscal year, ending with November, 1908, was 309,-778, — an increase of 26,090 over the previous year. With April, 1908, began a new fiscal year, in accordance with the change in the city ordinances, which was voted in December, 1907. Conformably to this change, the next annual report will cover the period of sixteen months, from December, 1907, to April, 1909.

CANTON. A new room, for a librarian's office, was added to the library in 1907, at a cost of $750. It occupies the angle between the south wing and the stack room, and is uniform in style and construction with the main building. Beginning with April, 1907, a quarterly bulletin of accessions has been issued and distributed gratuitously. Mr. Augustus Hemenway has continued his generous contribution of $1,500 annually, on condition of the town appropriating a like sum. The library has been kept open every week-day afternoon and evening, as during the previous year.

CARVER. The trustees, referring to the pressing need of more room for the library, make the suggestion that, instead of continuing

its efforts to build a conventional monument, the Soldiers' Memorial Association should erect, in co-operation with the town, a Soldiers' Memorial Library building, which would be creditable alike to the generation which erects it and to the generation whose sacrifices it commemorates. "Let a room be dedicated to the memory of the soldiers," say the trustees; "let the walls be draped with flags and hung with portraits; let tablets tell the record of the Carver soldiers; let every fitting memento of that dark page in our country's history find a place in this room; for in no fitter way can the patriotism of the boys of '61 be held constantly before the people of future ages."

CHARLEMONT. During the year the library has received gifts of a considerable number of books. An unknown friend in Hartford for several years has sent the library well-bound volumes of "Harper's" and the "Century." Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith has given the library a copy of her "Boys of the Border," which has been read with peculiar interest by the great-great-great-grandchildren of Moses Rice, the pioneer settler of the town. The circulation shows a large excess in books drawn over magazines. There is a growing demand for the better class of fiction, essays, travel, biography and poetry. Favorite authors are Mark Twain, Gilbert Parker, Henry Van Dyke, Francis Parkman, John Hay and John Fiske.

CHELMSFORD. Adams Library. The circulation for the year has been 11,891, an increase over the preceding year of 1,340, or nearly 12 per cent. The library was open to the public 202 sessions, and the attendance in the reading room was 3,159. About 300 volumes were added, bringing the total up to 8,167.

North Chelmsford Library Association. The library was open 148 sessions during the year, and the circulation was 5,200. From the town appropriation of $400, 147 new books were purchased, making the total 5,407.

CHELSEA. The great fire of April 12, 1908, which wiped out nearly one-quarter of the city, destroyed the fine Fitz Library building, which, with its attractive grounds, was one of the features of Chelsea in which its citizens justly took most pride. July 23 the trustees opened a reading room in the high school building, to which had been taken the 711 books which had been loaned in the unburned district, and which were returned after the fire. Here a fresh start was made in the work of the library. A few weeks later the library was removed to a house on Tudor Street, owned by the city, where it doubtless will remain until the new building to be erected is ready for occupancy. The Board of Control, which superseded the former city government soon after the conflagration, accepted the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give $50,000

for a new library building on condition that the city should furnish the site and appropriate not less than $5,000 a year for maintenance, and, further, that the $20,000 insurance upon the old library should be applied to the purchase of new books. Accordingly, in spite of the crushing disaster, the outlook for the future of the library is very bright.

CHESHIRE. The patronage of the library during the past year, especially by the children and the summer boarders in town, has been larger than ever before. The policy of treating summer visitors as residents during their stay in town is to be credited with a part of this gratifying result, and no doubt will conduce to the growth and larger usefulness of the library in the future.

CHESTERFIELD. Besides the purchased books, 66 in number, the library has gained by the gift from Mrs. Frank Gardner of New York of a collection of books from her father's library. The branch at West Chesterfield has been well patronized, and packages of books and magazines are sent to families that are unable to come to the library.

CHICOPEE. The past season has been one of unexampled gains in circulation, the number of books loaned during March, 4,338, being the record number for any month of the library's history. For April the number was 3,908, an increase of 25 per cent. over the corresponding month of 1907; for May it was 3,182, as against 2,497 for May, 1907. A great increase in the demand for nature books has been a feature, especially among the children. The large Polish population in the city has led to the placing on the shelves of a small collection of books in Polish (the most popular of which has been "Uncle Tom's Cabin"), to which it is proposed to add from time to time. The branch library at Chicopee Falls also has made great gains in circulation. For the first six months of the present year the figures are 10,700, against 5,300 in the like six months of 1907. In May, 1907, 799 books were given out; in May, 1908, 1,594. This large increase in business necessitated a change in the quarters to a vacant store at Market and Church streets, by which the library gains about 50 per cent. in room. At the Willimansett branch, also, where the library has had a room on the second floor of the fire station, alterations have been made by which a much larger and more convenient apartment is occupied. The books are kept in cases with glass doors, and there are two large reading tables, one for adults and one for children. The librarian has a desk near the entrance. The new quarters permit of a collection of 1,000 books being kept at this branch, while formerly only 500 could be accommodated. Another record in circulation was made in October, when 3,514 books were drawn.

COHASSET. Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The principal change of the year has been the establishment of a juvenile department in the large room at the left of the entrance, where shelves have been placed for all the literature suited to children, and where tables and lights are arranged for the convenience of youthful readers. The directors feelingly refer to the death of one of their number, Charles A. Welch, a generous friend of the library, whose gift of $3,000 a few years ago has enabled the library to build up many weak departments and to secure many valuable reference books. The circulation for the year was 17,410, an increase of 1,424 over the previous year, and showing a ratio of 6.3 volumes for home use per inhabitant. The total number of books now in the library is 10,351. An inventory of the stacks shows the books in very good condition, and only four unimportant works of fiction unaccounted for.

COLRAIN. Sept. 10, 1908, was a red-letter day for this town, for on that day the beautiful Griswold Memorial Library building was dedicated, with appropriate exercises, in the presence of a large company. The donor, Joseph Griswold of Greenfield, kept open house at the hotel and entertained many guests. The library building is a memorial to the father, mother and wife of the giver, and not only has he presented the building, but, as he explained at the dedication, he has endowed it with an annual income of $535, adorned the walls with several handsome paintings, — including portraits of his father, mother, wife and himself, — and has presented some 275 books, making the present number in the library about 3,000. In his address of presentation Mr. Griswold alluded to the appreciation which his family felt toward the inhabitants of the town, after a residence of eighty years among them. "It is my misfortune," said he, "and perhaps yours, that I cannot leave you sons and daughters, who might do more for you than I have done; but my brothers and sisters, who are equally loyal with me to the interests of Colrain, have furnished sons who have helped build up and carry on our work here, and who I believe will do more for you in the future than we have done in the past, and it is through the co-operation of my brothers and these nephews with me in business that I have been enabled to carry out this work, and I am happy to make this public acknowledgment of their services." Rev. C. W. Merriam of Greenfield delivered the principal address of the day. It was largely historical, giving a résumé of the career of Joseph Griswold, the senior, who founded the cotton manufacturing business which is the chief industry of the town, and which his three sons have carried on since his death. The new building is of Roman brick and Indiana limestone, and has an ultimate capacity of 20,000 volumes. The

vestibule opens into the delivery room, which is also the rotunda. Over the entrance is the inscription "Griswold Memorial Library" and the figure of an open book. A window in the dome, which is supported by eight oak pillars, bears a representation of the ancient town in the north of Ireland from which Colrain was named. From the delivery room open out the children's reading and stack rooms. In the reading room are oil portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Griswold, senior and junior, and of Miss Emma Cottrell, a sister of the donor's wife; also a mythological picture, "Venus and Adonis," a "Head of an Old Man," and a picture of "Cows," the last three being by Mrs. Joseph Griswold, wife of the donor. The architects were McLean & Wright of Boston, and the builders Robert E. Pray & Co. of Greenfield. Mrs. J. W. Cram, the librarian, has spent some time in Greenfield, studying methods of library work with Miss Ashley of the Greenfield Public Library. The town voted on Nov. 3, 1908, to change the name of the library to Griswold Memorial Library. The work of recataloguing was finished by Miss Ouida Partenheimer on November 14, and the library was opened to the public in its new quarters on December 12. Frank D. Griswold of New York has presented the library with $500 for the purchase of reference works, which will cover a wide range, including religion, education, agriculture, science, art, travel, etc.

CONWAY. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Field of London, Eng., were in town on Nov. 11, 1908, for the purpose of presenting to the library a fine and very lifelike portrait of the late Marshall Field, who gave the Field Memorial Library to the town. The painting is handsomely framed and has been hung in the children's room.

DALTON. In their latest report the trustees say: "We are making a conscientious endeavor to keep in touch with the best library practice so that our library may attain the maximum of usefulness to our town and community." After instancing the care taken in the selection of books, they continue: "Some time ago we adopted a rule that only one-third of the money expended for books should be spent for fiction, and the remaining two-thirds for books under all other heads. Since the cost of books of fiction is so much less than that of all other books, about one-half of the total number of new books added during the year would be fiction. It is only by pursuing some such course as this that books of permanent value can be placed in a library, and the proper functions of a library be performed. . . . Of the circulation of books for 1906–07, 84 per cent. were fiction. This last year it was 81 per cent., which is encouraging, but still relatively too large." The total circulation for the year increased 23.3 per cent. Jan. 1, 1908, a branch library was opened in the South Street school, with Miss Minnie M. Kirchner as librarian, and it is hoped within the year

to establish another branch. The death of Mr. George E. Hagar, one of the trustees, is much deplored. The history of the founding of this library, with a nucleus of only 47 volumes spread out on his study floor, and its gradual growth to a collection of 8,640 volumes, is entertainingly told in the report by Rev. Edson L. Clark, who took the first steps towards the formation of a library association, in the fall of 1860.

DANVERS. During the year the work with the schools progressed steadily, 12,688 books being circulated. Many books containing information on subjects designated by the teachers also were used at the library. The drawings of the pupils in the schools and specimens of manual training work were placed on exhibition in the library at several different periods, and attracted many visitors. The importance of the library as a branch of the town's educational system is being more fully recognized each year, as shown by the demands upon it. During the year a large book room was built in the basement, to which 1,145 volumes were removed from the second floor of the stack, and several thousand volumes remaining on that floor were rearranged, thereby relieving crowded sections and providing room for some time to come.

DARTMOUTH. The public interest in the library at Russell's Mills (Dartmouth), reported last year, continues to be most encouraging. With a total of 1,500 bound volumes, the year's home circulation for 1907 was fully 1,300; more than 150 new books were added during the year and over $18 was spent for rebinding books that had become worn. The card catalogue had outgrown its case, and $34 was spent for a new cabinet and cards. The library is well patronized by the school children.

Southworth Library (South Dartmouth). The librarian reports many gifts of books and magazines by friends of the library, with occasional sums of money. A subscription has been started to catalogue the books by a modern method.

DEDHAM. The circulation shows a handsome increase, largely due to the opening of a branch at East Dedham, which, like that previously established at Oakdale, has proved its utility to the people of the locality. Besides the books loaned for home use, which numbered 6,817 at Oakdale and 4,754 at East Dedham, the reading rooms were used by about 3,000 persons at the former and 2,500 at the latter branch. There was also a total of 11,875 books circulated in the school deliveries. It is noticeable that the number of books of modern fiction read has decreased, and that there has been a greater demand for books of history and travel. During the year a few persons have availed themselves of the opportunity to borrow, through the librarian, books from the Boston Public Library, under the inter-library loan system, — a service that promises to be very useful from time to time.

DEERFIELD. Dickinson Library. During the past five years the books have been examined, and those badly worn, incomplete or unfit for use have been taken from the shelves; the remainder have been rearranged and properly classified, and 306 new books added during the past year, making a total of 3,427 volumes, all in good demand. The library is open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and on Saturday evenings. The number of books and magazines taken out during the past year was 2,480. One daily, 4 weeklies and 15 magazines are taken for the reading room. The Dickinson trustees give the use of the rooms, steam heat and electric lights, pay the salaries of the librarian and janitor and appropriate about $50 annually for magazines and papers. The change made during the season from lamps to electric lights is greatly enjoyed. A generous friend has given an entire set of sectional oak book shelves and $100 worth of books.

South Deerfield Town Library. The books have been recatalogued and classified according to the Dewey system. The circulation for the year was 5,139. The branches which were established at Mill River, East Deerfield, North Wisdom and South Wisdom have been given up, after a year's trial, as the circulation proved to be too small to justify the trouble and expense of maintaining them.

DENNIS. The General Court of 1908 passed an act incorporating Henry H. Sears, C. Walter Hall and Prince M. Crowell, under the name of the Jacob Sears Memorial Library, with ample powers to maintain and administer the library and other charities of which they are trustees under the will of the late Jacob Sears. The real estate and all other property held by the trustees under the will becomes the property of the corporation, and its income is to be expended (after paying the expenses of the trust) in maintaining a library, in giving instruction to classes in music, or in such other branches of study as are not taught in the public schools of the town, and in providing courses of lectures to be given from time to time in the hall of the library building. All are to be for the free use of the inhabitants of Dennis, under reasonable regulations to be made by the trustees. Inhabitants of that part of the town known as Quivet Neck, male and female, above the age of twenty-one, who have lived in that part of the town for a year, are to elect annually in May five of their number as an advisory committee, to co-operate with the trustees in the management of the library and the use of the income of the trust. The town of Dennis is authorized to convey to the corporation all its right, title and interest in the free public library of the town, on condition that it shall be maintained free to all the people of the town. The town has taken no action as yet relative to turning over its library property to the trustees, but the matter will be brought

before the next annual town meeting. The advisory committee has been appointed, consisting of Messrs. Paul F. Sears, Heman E. Sears, Joseph Hedge, Ezra F. Sears and Fred H. Sears. Mrs. Nathan Sears is the librarian. Something over 100 books have been added to the library this year.

DIGHTON. The necessity for a speedy enlargement of the library, which has been recognized by the trustees for the past year or two, has not yet been met by any action of the town, but the trustees hope for a favorable vote at the coming town meeting in March. Some books which have been given to the library have not been available for want of room in which to place them. The trustees pay a boy to come to the library once in two weeks and carry books to and from an outlying section, for the accommodation of the residents in that section.

DOUGLAS. The trustees have placed in the building a complete and very satisfactory steam-heating plant, making it comfortable in the most extreme weather. They expected to meet this expense by suspending book additions, etc., but Mr. James Fairfield of Boston, the donor of the library, and its repeated benefactor, insisted on paying the full cost. He also had the entrance to the library, the steps and walk, which never were satisfactory to him, removed and rebuilt at his own expense. These improvements are greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who have occasion to visit the library. Mr. Henry Capron of Uxbridge has presented a large number of valuable books, and many additions of books and periodicals have been made from the income of the library.

DOVER. Town Library. An increase in circulation is reported. This may be due in part to the fact that school teachers are permitted to take out such books as they require, without restriction as to number or time. School reference books are added from time to time, at the suggestion of teachers. A much-needed improvement has been the purchase of steel shelves. The books are classified according to the Dewey system, with Cutter book numbers. Many gifts of books and periodicals are acknowledged.

Barden Library of the First Parish. This library is connected with the church, and circulates such books as are on the shelves and the current weekly papers and magazines, but as there is an excellent public library in town, there is no attempt to maintain a rivalry with the latter.

DUNSTABLE. The beautiful new town hall and public library building, made possible by the legacy of $10,000 in the will of the late Mrs. Sarah R. S. Roby, was dedicated on Aug. 12, 1908, in the presence of a great throng of residents and visitors, many of the latter being natives of the town who had come back for the occasion. Flags were displayed on many buildings and the large hall of the structure dedicated was handsomely decorated. The building is

large, handsome and substantial, standing upon the old village green, with town rooms, a kitchen and dining room in the basement; the library, hall and offices for the town officers are on the first floor. The exercises consisted of an address of welcome by James E. Kendall, secretary of the board of selectmen; an historical address by Prof. Frederick N. Williams of Chicago, a relative of the donor; presentation of the keys by Dexter Butterfield of the building committee; their acceptance by Elfred D. Swallow, chairman of the selectmen; a response by Rev. A. M. Rice, as trustee of the library; the adoption of suitable resolutions, offered by Arthur N. Hall, the town clerk; the dedicatory address by Rev. C. Guy Robbins of Lawrence, formerly of Dunstable; a dinner and post-prandial speaking in the hall, with James V. Tolles of Nashua as toastmaster; and a dance in the hall in the evening. In its beautiful new quarters the library bids fair to enter upon a new era of prosperity, and the librarian hopes to introduce some improved methods in the management, as the result of a course of training the past summer at Simmons College.

Duxbury. Mrs. Georgiana B. Wright offered to give the town the old library building if the town would remove it to a lot which she would also give (or to any other lot that might be thought more desirable), and convert the lower story into town offices and the upper part into a tenement for the janitor. An adjourned town meeting, on April 24, 1907, accepted Mrs. Wright's offer with thanks, and appropriated $2,600 for the purchase of a suitable lot and the removal of the old library building thither, and the improvement of the building after its removal. A committee was appointed to act in the matter with full power, and good title being secured to the Loring lot, it was bought and the old building removed thither. A fireproof vault was constructed outside of the building, above the basement, with an entrance from the room to be occupied by the selectmen, when the building is used for town offices. Since the removal of the old building, on May 1, 1908, Mrs. Wright has built for the library on its old site a fine new building of stone and brick, and in the mean time the library has been in its old rooms in the removed building, while two rooms above have been used as town offices and the rest by the janitor. Only one week's interruption in the operation of the library was necessitated by the removal. The new library building, which was begun in October, 1907, its cornerstone being laid November 30, is practically finished, and will be presented by Mrs. Wright to the Duxbury Free Library.

East Bridgewater. The card catalogue has been completed and is appreciated by the public. Some beautiful bronzes have been presented by a friend of the library.

EASTHAM. The trustees have had a new flagstaff erected on the lawn, and have installed a gasolene pump on the shore of the pond, with two lines of hose running to the library, so that it is possible to keep the lawn irrigated in dry weather. The walks have been put in fine condition with crushed stone. With 2,575 books in the library, there has been a circulation of 3,632, of which 848 have been taken from the south delivery (a gain of 344) and 304 from the north delivery (a gain of 211). The total increase in circulation has been almost 1,000.

EAST LONGMEADOW. The librarian's duties having increased so as to require assistance, three girls from the grammar school have been engaged as assistants, the result being most satisfactory. Of the 206 books added during the year, 96 have been gifts. These include a Webster's "Unabridged Dictionary" of the latest edition from the Free Public Library Commission and a donation of 56 volumes from Andrew M. Clark of Springfield. The reference department has been enriched by the addition of a set of Chambers' "Encyclopedia" in 10 volumes. A library table and a dictionary holder have been added to the furnishings. The Free Public Library Commission has furnished an eight-drawer cabinet to contain the card catalogue. An exhibition of drawings by public school pupils has proved an interesting feature.

EGREMONT. A much-needed improvement in the heating of the library is warmly welcomed. Miss Edith Walbridge of Brooklyn has given nearly 50 books and Pay Inspector George H. Read, U. S. N., has had 10 volumes of "Country Life in America" handsomely bound and presented them to the library, as well as "Old Paths and Legends of the New England Border," in 2 volumes. Other smaller donations of books are acknowledged. A catalogue has been printed and distributed to every family in town.

ERVING. The library has received a gift of 16 books, also the loan of a traveling library until May 1, 1909, from the Woman's Education Association. Bookshelves capable of holding 1,000 books have been added, and 82 books rebound.

EVERETT. Parlin Memorial Library. The need for more room, mentioned in the last report, has been met in a measure by installing shelving in the front room down stairs and removing thither the bound periodicals. This gave only temporary relief, however, and lack of shelving is still a serious drawback. The circulation for the year was 62,380, an increase over 1906 of 4,799, the percentage of fiction being the smallest since 1901, while science, history and literature show a marked increase. The trustees note with regret the deaths of Messrs. William G. Colesworthy and Francis B. Wallace. Both were members of the original board of directors, and both served as trustees for several years after the

library was accepted by the town. Mrs. Ella L. Battles, for several years librarian of the children's room, resigned near the end of 1907, and Miss Florence R. Dunlap, a former assistant, was appointed as her successor.

Shute Memorial Library. The increased circulation at this library is very encouraging, especially the increase during the summer months. The small library of duplicate fiction, from which books are loaned at one cent per day, has proved popular and successful. This plan seems to commend itself to libraries of small means and large demands for popular fiction. The privilege of taking two or more books, on a "vacation card," for unlimited time in the summer, is more than appreciated. The children's room, which was uncomfortably crowded, as mentioned in the last report, has been enlarged, and the children now are accommodated very comfortably.

FAIRHAVEN. The duplicate pay collection of fiction, opened in March, 1908, has pleased the library by relieving somewhat the pressure for the latest novel, and by paying for itself in six months, and has pleased the public as well. Beginning in March, books were offered readers at two of the town's outlying schoolhouses, serving a comparatively small number of persons, the great majority still preferring to avail themselves of the larger collection at the library building.

FALL RIVER. The year has been unusually successful, the increased appropriation having permitted the purchase of more new books, the establishment of branch delivery stations in the eastern, southern and northern sections of the city and the making of needed repairs to the library building. The library has received the gift from the family of the late Charles Jarvis Holmes, for forty-five years a member of the board of trustees and for many years its president, of a fine portrait of Mr. Holmes, which is much appreciated. Two resignations from the Board are much regretted, — those of Justice Henry K. Braley of the Supreme Judicial Court, on account of his removal from the city, and Rev. Christopher Hughes, D.D., on account of ill health. The children's department has shown increased school use, as has the reference department. The open-shelf department, first opened Nov. 21, 1906, has steadily increased in popularity, the total issues for home use in this department for the year having been 21,323. A department for repairing books, with suitable machinery, has been installed in charge of an experienced person, and during the year more than 3,500 books have been repaired.

FALMOUTH. The year has been one of growth and improvement. The circulation has been 11,400, an increase over 1906 of 595. It is gratifying to note that much the larger part of this increase has been in non-fiction. During the year card catalogues of new

accessions have been placed at Waquoit, East Falmouth and Woods Hole, which, with the printed catalogue, place all the books in the library at the disposal of the residents at these villages.

Woods Hole Social Library. This library has received an appropriation of $100 from the town this year and the books are now free to the public. A paid librarian is now employed.

FITCHBURG. The most important gift of the year has been that of a fine statue in marble, "Raphael and the Fornarina," from one of the trustees, Mr. Herbert I. Wallace. It is from the studio of its sculptor, Raffaelo Romanelli, in Florence, and was added to the collection in the art room in July last. It is a beautiful work of art, the face and figure of the great painter being reproduced with much accuracy from his portrait by himself in the Uffizi palace at Florence, while the representation of his lovely model and sweetheart is idealized, and more suggestive of the madonnas with which the name of Raphael is identified than of the portrait of the Fornarina which he painted in 1509. Many gifts of books and loans of art subjects have been received. Inter-library loans have much increased the resources of the library. A collection of 25 books, exchanged once a month, has been kept in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. during the winter, and books have been sent also to the Daniel Simonds Recreation Club for the use of its members. An exhibition of paintings by American artists was held in the library during a part of November, under the direction of the Woman's Club of Fitchburg. It comprised 39 fine works, Winslow Homer, J. J. Enneking, George L. Noyes, Frank W. Benson, Leslie Thompson, Edmund C. Tarbell and several other artists of great prominence being represented. The exhibition was greatly enjoyed, the attendance during the eleven days it was open being 4,400. The local papers commended it as one of the largest and finest exhibitions ever made in Fitchburg.

FRAMINGHAM. The circulation for the year exceeded that of 1906 by 3,178, — nearly 10 per cent., — of which more than one-third was from the branch deliveries at South Framingham, Saxonville and Nobscot. At the town meeting in March, 1907, Mr. Edmund S. Clark was elected a trustee for three years, but before the date for assuming office he was taken ill, and passed away in the early summer, much to the regret of his associates on the Board. The vacancy thus caused was filled by the election of Mr. Charles A. Potter, who had served several years previously on the Board.

FRANKLIN. An increase of 1,470 over 1906 (more than 12 per cent.), and additions of 466 bound volumes, of which 108 were presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peirce and 94 by Mrs. Adelbert D. Thayer, are salient points in the record of this library.

Ray Memorial Library (Children's Department). In the lecture hall, professional story-tellers have been employed to instruct and

entertain the pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades of the public schools, while the higher grades have listened to a talk on "Civics for Young People" and a "Travel Talk on Norway and Sweden," illustrated by the stereopticon. The present number of books in this library is 1,785, of which 236 were added during the year, and the circulation was 9,868. This department is not supported by any town appropriation, but is a private gift of the donors of the building, who have equipped it for the children of the town of Franklin.

GARDNER. The much-lamented death on Nov. 2, 1908, of Mrs. Helen R. Greenwood, at the age of seventy-one, removes the founder and constant benefactress of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, named after her father, who established one of the chief industries of the town. One of her last acts was the gift to the town during the past year of a reading room at West Gardner, in memory of her late husband, Alvin Greenwood, and her will gives $10,000 to the Library Association in aid of the Alvin M. Greenwood fund. Her son, Senator-elect Levi H. Greenwood, is the executor. The town has made an appropriation of $500 for the new reading room, which is at quite a distance from the center. There is a weekly delivery of books there, on Wednesday evenings, which gives great satisfaction to the residents of that section. Since Jan. 1, 1908, the library has received gifts of 55 books and a set of encyclopedias. The school libraries have been increased and the Cutter author marks introduced.

GEORGETOWN. The trustees, who were instructed at a special town meeting, Nov. 25, 1907, to investigate and report at the town meeting in March, 1908, on the cost of finishing and furnishing the new library building on Lincoln Park, reported that approximately $5,000 would be needed for the purpose, not including furnishing the art room or the purchase of new books, and that the annual cost of maintenance would be about $1,300. Nothing has been done as yet towards furnishing the building.

GLOUCESTER. Village Hall Library, Annisquam. The free use of the library by the school children of Annisquam and Bay View, which was inaugurated in November, 1906, as mentioned in the last report, continues to be a popular feature. Some 30 pupils availed themselves of the privilege at once, and their constant attendance shows that they appreciate the concession. In the autumn of 1907 Miss Mary P. Winsor resigned from the library committee, having ceased to be a resident of Annisquam, much to the regret of her associates. The Village Hall Association appropriated $50 in aid of the library, which was much appreciated. Miss Louise Kennedy of Concord has donated a complete set of Dickens, and gifts of books from Miss Alice M. Curtis, Miss Olivia Y. Bowditch, Miss Annette P. Rogers, Miss Annie E. Fisher, Mr. W. E. Dennis and

others are gratefully acknowledged. During the past year books have been added monthly, a few at a time, which seems to give good satisfaction. A few are added to the juvenile department every month. The total additions for the year, including gifts, were 200. The circulation was 2,398 books and 1,016 magazines. The social element is promoted by serving tea during one afternoon of each week, and the evening session is strictly for the exchanging of books and the use of the reading room. A small collection of local history proves acceptable to summer subscribers, and a growing reference library, largely of nature study, is becoming a popular feature. To all except school children it is still a subscription library, and the summer colony contributes largely to its support.

GOSHEN. Rev. Calvin Keyser, the librarian, died early in October, after an illness that continued all summer. The trustees have appointed John J. Nicholson as his successor. Ground has been broken for a handsome new memorial building, in which there will be ample facilities for the work of the library. It is to be built of field stone and will cost $6,000, besides the cost of the land. The town and the Congregational Society are to build it jointly, as a result of the decision of the Probate Court of Hampshire County as to the division of the fund, — then amounting to $19,431.72, — which had grown from a bequest of $100, made to the town in 1805 by John James, to be put at interest by the selectmen for one hundred years after his death. The building will contain a town hall, a library, church parlors and kitchen, and perhaps a gymnasium, and in it will be placed a tablet inscribed "Sacred to the memory of John James, 1805–1905."

GRAFTON. The establishment of delivery stations at the several villages remote from the center, to which books are sent from the main library, has brought its advantages within reach of many who otherwise would have been deprived of them. The deliveries of books at these stations has reached a total of 3,214, more than one-fifth of the number circulated at the center. The increased expense of keeping the library open six days and evenings each week, and of sending books to the outlying villages, has prevented the purchase of much-needed reference books, but the trustees feel that the greater good has been subserved. The need of increased stack room is felt seriously.

GRANBY. Plans for a new library building have been discussed, but the matter has been left in abeyance for the present.

GRANVILLE. A closer co-operation between the schools and the library is advocated by the trustees. Deposits of 35 books at each of four schoolhouses are maintained, to be changed whenever the teachers report that they have been generally read. The trustees desire the public to understand that these books are not exclusively

for school use, but to make it more convenient for residents in the neighborhoods to get books. The Granville Library Club has given 20 volumes of bound magazines, and, as has been its custom since the library was opened, has paid the salary of the attendant of the reading and amusement rooms, one-half the salary of the janitor and one-half the cost of heating, lighting and incidentals. The reading room has been kept open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and every evening except Sundays and holidays. The Library Club has supplied 1 daily, 6 weekly and 14 monthly publications bought with the Edwin Bancroft Foote periodical fund.

GREAT BARRINGTON. After an experience of a year, the loan department, started in October, 1907, has proved very successful, and meets the approval of the patrons of the library. The newer books of fiction are put in it, a charge of 5 cents being made for four days. When a book has paid for itself, it is withdrawn from the loan department and added to the main library. This enables the library to meet the demand for new fiction without drawing too much on the regular funds. These books can be drawn on the regular cards at the same time with the usual two books — one of fiction and one of solid reading — from the main library. During the year the system has been in operation 114 volumes have been put into the loan department, and 40 of them have paid for themselves and been transferred to the main library. Three of the "Underwood Travel Tours" — the United States, Ireland and Norway — have been put into the library during the year. They are attracting a good deal of attention, and the patrons, especially the children, enjoy them very much.

Ramsdell Library, Housatonic. The beautiful new library building, erected by the family of the late T. G. Ramsdell as a memorial to him, was dedicated on June 26, 1908. In building this library the family were carrying out the expressed wish of Mr. Ramsdell, who was a successful manufacturer of the village. At the dedication exercises a brief historical address was delivered by Charles Giddings, the presentation of the library to the town was made by T. Ellis Ramsdell, eldest son of the man whose memorial it is, and the acceptance of the gift by the town and the trustees was made by Rev. R. DeWitt Mallary, who said, in the course of his address: "This memorial, given not by any one outside of the community nor built by a public appropriation, has been erected with love and painstaking and the curtailment of no expense, even to the equipping it with 4,000 books, completely catalogued by the latest and best library methods." The library opened to the public on June 29. The building was designed by McLean & Wright of Boston, and stands on two lots west of the Congregational Church, on the principal street of the village. It is of Roman gray brick, with marble pillars and trimmings, steps

and buttresses of hammered granite, roofs of slate, with copper ridges and flashings. The delivery hall is circular in form and commands a view of the entire first floor, so that the attendant at the desk can supervise the several rooms. The stack room in the rear will accommodate 9,500 volumes, and 1,400 more can be cased in the reference room and 1,000 each in the reading and conversation rooms. The basement, which is 10 feet high, would enable the number to be increased to 29,500 volumes. The stacks are of metal and the cases of quartered oak, and the wood finish throughout the building is of oak. On the second floor are a lecture room, with a seating capacity of 250, and a museum and picture gallery. Since the dedication the new library has been supported by the town with an appropriation equal to that for the Great Barrington Free Library, and it has the same board of trustees. The library is free to every one in town. In four months after the opening 4,381 volumes were circulated, of which 634 were solid reading. Miss Lydia A. Fuller is the librarian.

GREENFIELD. The new library building, which it is hoped will be ready for occupancy early this year, is a fine specimen of colonial architecture, built in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and since its purchase by the town has been remodeled for library use and a brick book room added to the rear. Its location is in the very best part of the village. The new reading room is 40 by 45 feet, and the stack room will accommodate 20,000 volumes. There will be also a children's room, which is becoming an important feature of all up-to-date libraries. The town, at a special meeting, on Aug. 24, 1908, voted to appropriate $2,400 to furnish the new library and move the old building; also $300 for a new cement walk the whole length of the library lot and for a curbing and for walks on the lot. The erection of the stack room cost $5,683. It is 34 by 65 feet, one story high, with basement. After the sale of the historic Hovey place to the town for a new library, in July, 1907, as mentioned in the last report, the will of George H. Hovey, the former owner, who died in 1891, was found and probated. It was drawn in 1858, and left all the property to his wife, Mrs. Nancy M. Hovey. It had always been supposed that Mr. Hovey died intestate. The finding of the will affects the legacies of his sister, the late Mrs. Maria L. Hosmer of Brooklyn, who left $5,000 to the Greenfield Library Association. The purchase by the town of the Hovey property has removed the incentive to combine with the association, which had been discussed somewhat previously. The matter was not even mentioned at the annual meeting of the association in May. The delivery of books from the schoolhouses is continued, and there is also a collection at a private house several miles from the village, which is used by residents of the neighborhood.

Greenfield Library Association. At the annual meeting on May 20 a deficit of nearly $300 for the year was reported. Should the association realize from the Hosmer bequest, mentioned above, as it is hoped it will do, there will be just about enough funds to run the library. A falling off of about 2,000 in the circulation was reported for the past year. By the will of Mrs. Isabella Russell, who died Dec. 6, 1908, the association will receive eventually $500. Mrs. Russell expressed a desire for a union with the town library.

GROTON. The books are now completely catalogued by an elastic system, which will give room for all future additions. Through the teachers of the public schools cards have been circulated among the pupils, calling attention to their privileges in the library, with the result that many children have come to the library for books.

GROVELAND. Hale Library, South Groveland. During the past year 175 new books have been added to the library.

HADLEY. Gifts of books from the Girls' Club and from Mrs. Sessions, and from John Howard Jewett, a Hadley boy, the gift of a full set of the attractive books he has written for children, are much appreciated. Dr. Franklin Bonney, for the greater part of his life chief guardian of the library, and Rev. Everett Dwight, a prominent helper in the erection of the memorial building and a generous benefactor in various ways, have passed away since the last report. A handsome cabinet has been added to the furniture in the historical room, and the growing collection there is well cared for.

HALIFAX. A handsome new building, accommodating not only the library but the post-office, has been built by the town, on Plymouth Street, just west from the town square. It is of colonial style, 20 by 40 feet in area, with one story and basement. The entrance is by a portico supported by large doric columns, at the center of the main front, into a lobby, on the right of which is the reading room, 16 by 20 feet, with stack room in the rear, 8 by 12 feet. On the other side of the lobby is the post-office. In the basement are the furnace and storage rooms. The inside finish is hard pine throughout, stained and varnished, and the walls and ceilings are tinted. The library is open every week day and evening. Although all the books owned by the library were burned when the town building was destroyed, March 20, 1907, some 200 volumes have since been procured by the trustees, and during the past autumn nearly 100 more were presented by the Free Public Library Commission, so that the library is again in very comfortable shape.

HAMILTON. There is in the treasury of the library a bequest of $1,000 from the late Augusta Dodge as a memorial to her sister, whose writings under the pen name of "Gail Hamilton" made her

famous, for a free reading room as an adjunct of the library, and to be known as the Gail Hamilton Reading Room. How to dispose of this fund is a problem for the trustees. The only room in the town hall building suitable for the purpose is occupied by the school committee, and even if it could be had, the question is whether the expenditure of $1,000 in fitting it up for the purpose would be wise. The capacity of the present reading room is often overtaxed with readers and visitors. Gifts of books from several friends of the library have been received.

HAMPDEN. The library is in excellent condition and the circulation is increasing, the total for 1907 being about 10 per cent. above that of the year previous. The teachers have proved most kind in caring for books for pupils and for home use in outlying sections. The bequest of $500 from Mrs. Joanna Burleigh Holt, a former resident of Hampden, is a valuable addition to the funds of the library. The Free Library Commission has presented the library with a desk for the reading room and a set of Rolfe's "Shakespeare," in 40 volumes, — gifts which are thankfully appreciated.

HANSON. The circulation for the year was the largest in the history of the library, totaling 11,232 for all the branches. With a part of the legacy of the late Mrs. Sarah A. Inglee a set of Nelson's "Encyclopedia" was purchased and placed in the north branch. The innovation introduced in 1906, of taking subscriptions for a few of the best magazines, proved so popular that it was extended. As no reading room is attached to either branch, patrons are allowed to take the magazines home, a label being pasted on the cover of each reading "Please return in a week if possible." The date of taking is stamped on the slip, and a record of the magazine kept. Thus far people have respected the rights of others and returned the magazines with commendable promptness. Gifts of a considerable number of books are acknowledged.

HARWICH. Chase Library, West Harwich. In 1901 Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson organized the children of West Harwich village into a Sunshine Club, and established a local library, which was located in her home. It continued for several years, growing and doing good work. In 1907 Caleb Chase of Brookline, who recently died, and who was conspicuous for his benefactions to Harwich and for many good works elsewhere, presented the Sunshine Library with a building worth probably $3,000. In his honor the name of the library was changed to the Chase Library, and it was incorporated in that year. The library does not receive any aid from the town, has no endowment and its support is entirely voluntary. It has now about 1,350 books. The librarian, Mrs. Nickerson, writes: "We try to give them the best and latest fiction, but the standard authors are not neglected, and we try to interest the readers also in popular science, etc."

HARDWICK. The library, which occupies a very pretty new building, the gift of Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge, formerly of Hardwick, has received during the year gifts of 30 books from Miss Jenks of Boston, a fire set, with wrought-iron andirons and screen, from the Ladies' Library Association, and framed pictures. The library has adopted the dictionary card catalogue and the Dewey Cutter system of classification.

HATFIELD. The library has in progress a change to the Cutter system of classification, and has adopted the Browne charging system. During part of the year four volunteers have taken books regularly for circulation among their neighbors.

HAVERHILL. The library has about 87,000 volumes and is fifth in size among Massachusetts free city libraries. In the matter of circulation it ranked eighth during the past year. The total circulation since its opening in 1875 has been 3,092,471. The number of new card holders for the year was 1,249, and the total number 9,014, or about 22 per cent. of the population of the city. The year's circulation was 96,926 at the main library, 27,304 at the Bradford branch, 22,743 at Washington Square, 21,884 through the schools and 10,530 through various stations and societies, making an aggregate of 179,837. As the population of Haverhill is 41,242, this makes the average circulation per capita 4.3. The extensive alterations in the building made in 1907, as mentioned in the last report, have made it much better suited to its purposes and have added to its efficiency. New deposit stations have been opened, the Bradford branch reorganized and enlarged, work with schools and study clubs systematized and enlarged, a large collection of mounted pictures made, classified and catalogued, and many of these pictures used for exhibitions at the main library and the branches. An electric book elevator, running from basement to attic, proves a great time and labor saver. The largest gift of the year was a bequest from Mrs. Matilda T. Elliott of $400, the income to be used for the purchase of books for the Bradford branch. Gifts of books, magazines and pictures were received from 62 persons. The aggregate of the endowment funds of the library is $147,500, the income providing all books, periodicals, pictures and music which are bought, and also paying part of the running expenses. The trustees record with sorrow the death in December, 1907, of Miss Kate E. Johnson, the assistant in charge of the Bradford branch, after long and valuable service. Miss Annie F. Sawyer was appointed her successor.

HAWLEY. This library now has a place at the center in which to keep its books, with a librarian in charge, and is just beginning to get into shape. The three branches are maintained.

HEATH. This library has put in a card catalogue during the past year. Teachers are given practically carte blanche in the matter of taking books for use in the schools. The Woman's Education Association has loaned some 30 books and about 100 pictures, which have been much appreciated by readers and schools.

HINGHAM. The library has received a gift of $500 from Mrs. W. W. Blackmar, Miss Fanny Brewer and Mr. W. S. Brewer, as a memorial of their father, John R. Brewer, to be used for the purchase of books. Col. Hawkes Fearing, who had been librarian since 1872, and whose retirement on account of illness was mentioned in the last report, died on February 9, greatly regretted. He was of an old Hingham family, and his distinguished service in the civil war had been supplemented by long and faithful service for the town in various capacities. His age was eighty-one.

Nantasket Library. This library, to which the towns of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull appropriate $100 each per annum, which pays running expenses, is dependent on the kindness of friends for new books. Free use to residents and the compensated issue of books to summer visitors has brought up the circulation for the year to 4,396. During the year the library has received from Mrs. Henry M. Whitney two donations of about 200 volumes each. This necessitated a new stack, also rearrangement. All agree that this has made the room more attractive. Smaller donations of books and also of pictures have been received from other friends.

HOLBROOK. The generous bequest of $1,000 from Daniel G. Belcher came into the treasury of the library soon after the last report, and has been placed in a savings bank at Brockton, constituting the Perley W. Belcher Fund. The serious overcrowding which the trustees have deplored for several years has been relieved by a gift of $500 from E. Everett Holbrook, as a result of which the space has been doubled, the entrance changed, new furniture introduced, lighting improved, and the rooms made in every way more commodious and attractive. A collection of photogravures of the masterpieces of famous artists, each accompanied by a descriptive card, has been presented by Mrs. George N. Spear; the annual gift of $200 from Miss Mary W. Holbrook has been repeated this year by E. Everett Holbrook, and other welcome donations are acknowledged.

HOLDEN. The library has been recatalogued under the direction of Miss E. Louise Jones, and is now in excellent condition. On Feb. 20, 1908, Mrs. Susan Damon Gale, a native of the town, and especially interested in the memorial library which bears her family name, died in Minneapolis. As a token of the sympathy of the townspeople, a message of condolence was sent to

her family, and flowers have been kept constantly near her picture in the reading room.

HOLLAND. The library has received the gift of a barrel of magazines, bound and unbound, from the Opportunity Band of Brookline.

HOLLISTON. An increasing demand for magazines is noted. The loan exhibition of pictures of foreign travel failed to create enthusiasm, perhaps for want of proper room for its display. Other exhibits have been declined for the same reason. An historic eight-day clock, made by Simon Willard of Roxbury, in 1800, with the original bill of sale for it, has been presented by Otis B. Bullard, and does duty in the reading room.

HOLYOKE. A greatly increased use of the library is reported. During March, 1908, the circulation was 12,096, a full third larger than that of March, 1907. During the early spring the experiment was tried of purchasing and listing for circulation, with the necessary instruments for their use, nine sets of stereoscopic views, each set representing some country or region, systematically arranged, and in some cases accompanied by printed matter in book or phamplet form, describing everything of special interest in the views. The demand for these sets was so great that others have been purchased, and this will be, no doubt, a regular feature of the library's work. The library recently received a gift from an unknown friend of a fine oil painting by Edward Gay, entitled "The Wheat Field," and presenting with great fidelity to nature an autumn landscape. A set of the "Genealogical and Family History of New Hampshire" is another recent gift to the library.

HOPEDALE. The circulation records show that the juvenile department has increased its demands from one-sixth to nearly one-fifth of the total. The percentage of fiction was 72, a very moderate proportion as such things go. As in the past seven years, new books have been added every alternate Saturday, the total for the year being 488, and there have been also a number of gifts of books. Much time has been given to overhauling the government documents, of which over 1,000 were returned to Washington. Up to this year the library has been on the list of "remainder libraries," receiving various "left-overs" from sets of these documents when the regular demand has been supplied. This plan necessarily made the files incomplete and often gave the library books for which there was no call, and for which shelf room could hardly be afforded. Certain definite sets, for which there seems to be some chance of use, have been retained, and efforts will be made to keep them up to date and to secure any missing volumes. Work with the schools has been continued and extended.

HUBBARDSTON. The use of the library facilities by summer visitors from the cities is increasing, and is a privilege much appreciated by them. Mrs. H. S. Cunningham of Brookline, the State visitor, has made a visit during the season, and her suggestions are being carried out. She also presented the library with several books, and with vines for the adornment of the building. New shelves have been added to the stack room and 40 new volumes placed thereon. Mrs. M. M. Whitney of Belmont, Ia., has loaned indefinitely to the library a collection of mineral and geological specimens, which has been placed in a cabinet in the reading room. Mrs. Gilman Waite of Medford has presented a set of John Burroughs's works in 14 volumes, and other gifts are gratefully noted.

HUDSON. The year's circulation has been the largest on record, 33,957, an increase of 1,978 over 1906. The library has been open for deliveries 203 days and the reading room 260 days, including every Sunday. The open-shelf system has added much to the convenience of those who desire to consult books on special subjects. Miss Bessie Clarinda Verder, a former teacher, has given to the children's room a picture of the statue of Pestalozzi, the educational reformer. The Rawson Memorial Association has placed in the reading room a beautiful bronze vase — a reproduction of the celebrated Warwick vase — on a marble pedestal, the whole standing five feet high. Many gifts of books and magazines are reported.

HUNTINGTON. During the year 4,112 volumes have been circulated, 171 books added by purchase and 3 given by Mrs. Ballantine.

HYDE PARK. The total circulation for the year — 75,204 — is the largest in the history of the library, and the percentage of fiction shows a gratifying decrease. The use of the reading room is becoming encouragingly more general. Eleven hundred books have been rebound and about 3,500 repaired. The library has been almost continuously supplied with pictures by the Library Art Club. The young people's room has been made even more cheerful and attractive by newly finished walls. The work at the Readville branch has steadily advanced and the attendance has increased.

IPSWICH. The increased number of children enrolled the past year is very gratifying. During the spring, nicely mounted pictures of birds were displayed in the order of their arrival. A list of books was prepared for boys and girls, with the promise of an attractive certificate as a reward to any one reading five of them during the school vacation. Many little changes for the greater convenience of borrowers keep up the public interest in the library. The experiment of a branch at Linebrook parish has been abandoned after a short trial.

LAKEVILLE. The ladies of the town were granted, by the courtesy of the selectmen, the privilege of maintaining a lunch counter at

the annual March town meeting, and the proceeds of this, together with profits from socials, a concert and a fair, have increased the building fund materially. The trustees express their grateful appreciation of the interest by the ladies. The circulation showed an increase of more than 450 volumes. Many summer visitors have patronized the south branch. Kind friends have presented many books.

LANCASTER. The open-shelf system, which was adopted for the whole library in June, 1907, has fully justified itself by the results. "Readers are much better pleased, and the service at the delivery desk is better. At the annual inventory in June, 1908, after a year's trial, no book was lost or unaccounted for. The open-shelf system of the children's shelves had one unlooked-for result, — the number of non-fiction books circulated doubled itself." In October a new registration was made. By adopting approved methods of other libraries and adding some new ones, a scheme has been devised which it is hoped will make another registration unnecessary, and that will give the actual number of "live" cards.

LAWRENCE. The White fund very generously donated to the library 22 beautifully framed pictures during the year.

LEE. The beautiful $35,000 library building, to the cost of which Andrew Carnegie contributed $12,000, was occupied and opened to the public on Oct. 17, 1908. Besides the Carnegie gift, the land on which the library stands was turned over to the town with half its cost paid; W. H. Gross furnished the marble at a cost barely sufficient to make him whole; the contractors did the work on the same basis; Miss M. E. Gibbs made gifts for various purposes, totaling about $1,200, and Curtis Judd gave $500 for the tile roof. The building is of white marble, quarried in the town, with a lofty, projecting portico and an octagonal cupola surmounted by a dome. The location is admirable and the grounds about the building are attractive. The main entrance opens into the librarian's room. To right and left are reading rooms, while directly in front is the librarian's desk and behind it the stack room. In each reading room is a large fireplace, and on the walls and mantels are some fine works of art, the gifts of Miss Gibbs, as also is the furniture of the south reading room, which is the best that could be procured. Besides the reading rooms there is a children's room and a committee room. The library contains between 8,000 and 9,000 volumes, valued at about $12,000. There were no formal dedicatory exercises, the keys being turned over to the selectmen and the doors thrown open to the public. A few books in Italian have been placed in the library to induce its use by residents of that nationality. If these are used, more will be added.

LEICESTER. There has been a substantial increase in the circulation, largely due to the improved plan for the distribution of books at Cherry Valley, where a vacant room in the schoolhouse was secured, and where the circulation has more than doubled. At the Copeland Memorial branch in Greenville, also, under the direction of Henry Schwab, the circulation has greatly increased and its character improved. In July Miss Mary W. Warren, for seven years the efficient and faithful librarian, resigned, and after several weeks of search for a successor, Miss Phebe Chandler Johnson was appointed.

LENOX. As the result of an agreement between the Lenox Library Association and the Charles Sedgwick Library and Reading Room, Mrs. Richard Auchmuty of New York and Lenox and her brother, F. Augustus Schermerhorn, have endowed the Reading Room organization (which owns the building occupied by the library), Mrs. Auchmuty giving $10,000 and Mr. Schermerhorn $25,000. By this agreement the management of the two bodies is to be joint; the income from the endowment fund is to provide for the expenses of the building, and any surplus is to go to the use of the library. The building is the historic old Lenox court house, which was bought from the county by the Schermerhorn family and its use given to the town for public purposes. Alterations now being made in the library building will give greatly increased space for reference and juvenile books. The new rooms are being connected with the delivery department by an eight-foot arch.

LEOMINSTER. The trustees in their annual report called attention to the pressing need of a new building, the present quarters being most unsuitable on account of difficulty of access, one steep, winding staircase being the means of approach; poor light; inconvenient design, never having been intended for library purposes; questionable safety; unfavorable environment, the same entrance being used for police station, court room, lockup and library; shabby and unattractive appearance. The representation was so convincing that the town (which had already voted to accept the gift of $27,500 offered by Andrew Carnegie on the usual conditions, and had appointed a committee to recommend a suitable site and to prepare plans, etc.) has appropriated $22,500, which, added to Mr. Carnegie's gift, provides for a $50,000 library. Building operations began the last of August, 1908. The building will be of Roman brick, and the inside finish will be of quartered oak. The increase in circulation for the past year was 6,311, a record gain. This is due largely to the establishment of a special room for children, which has proved a great success. The librarian acknowledges indebtedness to the Boston, Worcester and Fitchburg libraries for valuable assistance under the inter-library loan

system; also to the Woman's Education Association and the Federation of Women's Clubs. Special attention is being given to industrial education and there is a good demand for books along this line. An unusual number of books has been given to the library, and special mention is made of the present of the "History of Worcester County" and the "National Cyclopedia of American Biography," given by Miss Mary Ellen Butterick in memory of her father, Ebenezer Butterick.

LEXINGTON. The first full year of occupancy of the beautiful new building has been one of great prosperity to the Cary library. The circulation of over 43,000 volumes — nearly twice the number on the shelves, in a town of less than 5,000 inhabitants — is in itself noteworthy, but even more so is the fact that in the year's increase of 5,529 the gain has not been mainly in the use of fiction, but has been more particularly marked in history, biography and travel. The children's department has borne its full part in the increase, and the pupils in the public schools are making much and increasing use of reference books.

LEYDEN. The introduction of a telephone adds to the convenience of the librarian. The gift of 25 books by the Free Public Library Commission is much appreciated.

LINCOLN. There was a marked gain in the circulation for the past year. A bequest of $1,000 has been received by the will of Mrs. Abbie J. Stearns, a former resident of Lincoln. Mr. Samuel H. Pierce, one of the original trustees appointed by Mr. Tarbell, the donor of the building, resigned. His resignation was accepted with reluctance and regret by his fellow trustees, who elected as his successor Mr. C. Lee Todd, the nearest collateral relative of Mr. Tarbell. From its original construction, the building has been a source of much trouble through a seepage of moisture after rain, which destroyed the plastering and decorations, littered the floor and threatened the books with serious damage from damp. It was surmised at last that the difficulty might be due to the ornamental brickwork on the outside, and the trustees had all the recesses in the brickwork filled up, producing a smooth exterior surface. This entirely remedied the trouble.

LITTLETON. The resignation of Rev. Robert N. Fulton made a vacancy in the board of trustees, which was filled by the choice of Mr. Osman Needham. A special meeting of the trustees in June approved the sale voted in the town meeting in March of four shares in the Boston Atheneum, leaving still one share for the citizens, which entitles the bearer to all the privileges of the atheneum, including the right to take out books. With the proceeds of the four shares, $2,000, the trustees have established the George Cheyne Shattuck book fund, in memory of the late Dr. Shattuck of Boston. Minor improvements in the interior

of the library have added to its attractiveness. Duplicate copies of magazines are sent to a convenient room at the Common, and the privileges of the library for school use have been extended to out-of-town pupils of the Littleton high school.

LONGMEADOW. The town library has been greatly improved during the past summer, and much credit for this is due to Rev. H. L. Bailey, the treasurer and a trustee, who has given much time and thought to rearranging, classifying and cataloguing the books, which number nearly 4,100. In this work he has been assisted by Miss Mary Underwood. The Dewey decimal system has been adopted and the charging system changed from the old plan of a page in a book for each borrower to a card system. A gallery has been built, enabling the shelving to be run up to the ceiling on one side of the room, thus greatly relieving the crowded condition of the shelves.

Richard Salter Storrs Library. The will of the late Miss Sarah W. Storrs, who died in 1907, left the fine old Storrs parsonage to the town for a library bearing the above name, under certain conditions. The trustees named by her must raise $5,000 before Oct. 13, 1909 (two years after her death), and then await the death of a cousin, who has a life tenancy. The trustees are gratified at the interest shown by natives and former residents of the town. Letters and substantial gifts have been received from Richard Salter Storrs of Orange, N. J., a lineal descendant of the Longmeadow Minister for whom the library is named, and from Mrs. George Crocker of Boston, a daughter of the celebrated Dr. Nathan Keep, a son of Longmeadow. It is probable that the homestead will be preserved as the home of an historical collection, while a modern library building will be erected for housing the books of the new library. It is possible, also, that eventually the town library may be merged with it, but for the present this is only conjecture.

LUDLOW. The trustees report a very marked increase in the use of the library and the reading room. The gain in number of books loaned is more than 16 per cent. over the preceding year, largely in the juvenile department. In April, 1907, about 100 new books were given to the library by the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates, and the gift was duplicated in April, 1908. The west room on the ground floor of the building has been used during the year for the preservation of curios and relics.

LUNENBURG. The town voted, at a special meeting on Aug. 13, 1908, to accept the offer of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston to erect a new library building, to cost not less than $10,000. The only conditions she imposed were that it should stand on the old tavern lot and should be called the Ritter Memorial Library, in memory of her mother. Work was begun late in September

upon the foundations for the building, from plans by H. M. Francis & Sons of Fitchburg. The design is a free treatment of the classical, the structure to be 60 by 28 feet, one story, standing 75 feet back from Massachusetts Avenue (at one side of the village square), and about the same distance back from Leominster road, thus giving ample room for artistic treatment of its setting. In the middle of the 60-foot front is a projection 24 by 5 feet, with a break of the same dimensions in the rear opposite, and this part of the building will be carried higher than the two ends and finished with a gable, giving space for a relic room or art hall if desired. The building will be of mottled brick, with foundations and trimmings of Longmeadow brownstone, and the roof slated. The porch is flanked by two brownstone Ionic columns, and from the vestibule stairs go up and down. Sliding doors admit to the delivery room, 22 by 24 feet, at the rear of which is a large fireplace. The back part of the delivery room will serve as a children's reading room. At the right of the delivery room is the stack room, with a capacity for 8,000 volumes at first. Similar stacks may be put in above and below, increasing the ultimate capacity to 24,000 volumes. At the left is the general reading room, lighted on three sides by seven plate-glass windows. The rooms on the main floor will be 13 feet high. Above the delivery room a room may be finished 23 feet square and 10 feet high. Hard-wood floors, furnace heat and electric lights are provided for.

LYNN. Two new trustees have been elected, — G. Sidney Macfarlane, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles H. Newhall, and Luther Atwood, in place of James E. Odlin, whose term expired in 1908. A bequest of $5,000 under the will of Mr. Newhall has been the chief benefaction to the library during the year. The losses on account of open shelves have been very small, considering the many volumes on these shelves and the mixed population of the city. The exhibition of bookplates by Dr. Clark, in several instalments, has proved very interesting. An exhibition of 172 colored plates of wild flowers, the main division comprising those whose habitat is the Lynn Woods and eastern Massachusetts, has also been much enjoyed. There are no branch libraries, but books are sent to the schools and circulated therefrom, accounts of them being kept by the teachers. Books are also sent to the Y. M. C. A. rooms and the General Electric works. In May the trustees voted to send books to the Sunday schools, and six of these schools are receiving books.

MALDEN. The statistics of 1907 showed that while the population of the city had increased in twenty years by about 217 per cent., the use of books at the library and in circulation had increased at the rate of about 354 per cent. in the same period, which in-

dicates that the use of the library had become more general and had outstripped the growth of the city, even though a supply of the more ephemeral and popular literature had not been provided. That this progress is being continued appears by the results of eleven months of the present year. There has been an increase in the home circulation and the total use of books which gives a result much in excess of that of any former year. A comparison with the work of eleven months of 1907 shows that the home circulation has gained nearly 9 per cent., while the number of books drawn from the shelves for library use increased over 17 per cent. The use of books from the open shelves of the reference library has apparently been much larger. The circulation from the children's room is of interest, as it shows how rapidly a work which should take precedence of all others is expanding. It exceeds that of 1907 by about 13 per cent., while that through the delivery stations shows a gain of about 12 per cent. It is not likely that the service through the latter ever will reach the proportions attained in many cities and towns where districts are distant or isolated from the main library. In Malden convenient and frequent means of transportation from all parts of the city bring patrons almost to the doors of the library. Continued experience with the limited open shelves in the children's room and elsewhere in the library confirms the trustees in the opinion that free access to the alcoves and stack room would be detrimental, and that the open-shelf system is absurd in the full meaning of the term, being inconvenient in administration and unbusinesslike and unsafe economically, while its immoral influence is evident. Col. Edward E. Currier, who had given an honorable and helpful service of twenty-five years as a trustee, died Feb. 10, 1908.

MANCHESTER. The trustees report, with grateful appreciation, that ever since the town, in 1871, came into possession of the Lyceum Library of about 1,000 volumes as the nucleus for a free town library, it never has failed to appropriate each year the sum asked for by the trustees. From this small beginning the library has grown to a present total of about 1,300 volumes, with a circulation well above 20,000. The need of a reading room is manifest, but until the Grand Army post that occupies the large western room in the building shall cease to need it, there is no present prospect of obtaining the space desired. Work with the schools grows in interest and importance, and books are purchased frequently as required for teachers and scholars in their studies. Many pupils visit the library to consult the reference books. Gifts of value from friends of the library — notably summer residents — have been received. For the "History of All Nations," in 24 volumes, beautifully illustrated, thanks are due to Henry S. Grew,

T. Jefferson Coolidge, Mrs. Mary P. Pickering, H. L. Higginson, Ellen Hemenway and George R. White. Miss I. P. Curtis has presented "Picturesque Europe," in 3 quarto volumes, very fully illustrated. Mary G. Curtis has given "Stark's Antique Views of the Towne of Boston," in 2 volumes. Many important works have been bought during the year, also.

MANSFIELD. The trustees voted to have the library open every weekday evening except Wednesday, and on Saturday afternoon. The experiment of Sunday opening, for reading only, attracted so few readers that it was abandoned. A set of andirons for the fireplace in the reading room and other improvements add to the attractiveness of the rooms.

MARLBOROUGH. Reference work increases from year to year, free use of the library's facilities being made by pupils of the higher grades in the schools, members of various clubs and by private individuals engaged in research. The trustees intend to make a specialty of genealogies and local histories. A collection of Italian books has been added to the library. School teachers are given unlimited use of books for school purposes, provided they send in advance the topics on which books are wanted. Some small gifts of local and general historical interest have been received. The largest and best acquisition to the art department was the loan for an indefinite time by the owner, Charles F. Morse, of a large oil painting of "Hagar and Ishmael," by H. Coster, dated 1567.

Robin Hill Improvement Society. This library receives about 40 books at a time from the Marlborough Public Library, and changes them about six times a year. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening, and about 20 books given out each week.

MASHPEE. A donation of 50 books has been received from J. J. Rothery of Wellesley.

MEDFIELD. The use of books and magazines by the teachers and pupils of the public schools is increasing. Several books, valuable not only in regular school work but as reference books, have been purchased during the year. During August the plan of keeping the room open daily from 7 to 9 P.M. was tried, the secretary doing the work without expense to the town. The attendance was excellent. The open-shelf plan has been adopted so far as practicable and it gives good satisfaction.

MEDFORD. The great need of more shelf room, mentioned in the last report, has been met by the installation of a new upper tier of stacks, and the patrons of the library no longer have more learning at their feet than in their heads. The increase both in circulation and in reference work is gratifying, as showing that the library is accomplishing its proper purpose. The children's room has been made attractive in every way possible. An observation

hive of bees, loaned to the library by Mr. J. P. Coburn of Woburn, has proved of engrossing interest to the little folks. Work with the schools is becoming more and more an important feature, and the teachers generally are making more use of the books and allowing the children to carry them home. Gifts during the year number 357 books, 493 pamphlets and 1,025 magazines. The library was favored and honored by a visit from Miss Valfrid Palmgren, assistant librarian of the Royal Library of Stockholm, Sweden, who was sent as a delegate by her government to inspect some of the libraries of the United States.

MEDWAY. The card-catalogue system has been adopted, and the library was closed from July 31 to September 11, to arrange the books.

MELROSE. The special-loan system inaugurated for the high school has been continued, 200 books having been placed at the disposal of the scholars for use in their studies. The list comprises many books on history. The trustees acknowledge many gifts during the year. A duplicate library department, composed of duplicate copies of books much in demand, which may be taken out at circulating library rates, has proved very popular. Sixteen exhibitions of the Library Art Club have been given, which have proved a delightful supplement to the other attractions of the library; there have been also an exhibition of oil paintings by V. Henneman, and one of colored photographs by J. Coggeshall. The fund for the Mary A. Livermore Art Library has reached $978, and it is hoped that another year will see the installation of the memorial in the library. The circulation for the year aggregated 65,167, of which the percentage of fiction and juveniles was only 72.29.

MENDON. The work of reclassifying and cataloguing has been continued during the year. The removal of the paper covers from the books and lowering the age limit at which children may take out books have added much to the usefulness of the library. The librarian's report shows an encouraging decrease in the issues of fiction and a corresponding increase in other departments.

MIDDLEBOROUGH. Beginning with the last quarter of 1907 a quarterly bulletin of new books has been issued, which has given much satisfaction to patrons. Walter Sampson was chosen a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John C. Sullivan. Work in the children's room continues an important feature. The gift of the remaining volumes of "St. Nicholas" necessary to complete the set is gratefully recorded. Several volumes of "Our Young Folks," also presented, are much appreciated by the children.

MILFORD. The circulation showed an increase of 10 per cent. over 1906. The reading room also showed a gratifying increase in

readers. The Massachusetts Art Club has furnished 14 exhibitions during the year, with a total of 1,049 pictures shown.

MILTON. The death of Amor L. Hollingsworth was much lamented by his fellow trustees. Harry K. White was elected as his successor. Nathaniel T. Kidder was chosen chariman of the Board and Charles E. Rogerson treasurer, to succeed Mr. Kidder. The trustees report a generous gift of $500.46 from the Milton Woman's Club, which has been permanently invested as a fund, the income of which will be expended for the children's room. The library has received books from the Maxwell estate, and the proceeds of some books which were sold have been put into a permanent fund. The library has been classified by the Dewey system and recatalogued. With the purpose of cutting off unnecessary clerical work, the use of bookplates and imprints in fiction and children's books, the printing of annual lists of donors and the sending out of fine notices have been abandoned.

MONROE. The library is seriously handicapped by the division of the books between the "bridge" and the "hill," with no permanent place for them. During the past year the hill division has remained in charge of Miss Addie Gordon, but the branch at Monroe bridge has been moved from Mrs. Robert Brown's to Mrs. W. J. Ellis's. A few books have been purchased and about 60 presented by the State. The cases that hold the books for circulation are overflowing and the trustees urge the need of better provision for them.

MONSON. The Library Association has received a valuable addition to the interior decorations of its building in a fine oil painting of Mrs. Nancy Lyon, wife of Horatio Lyon, to whom the building is a memorial. It was presented by Judge and Mrs. Henry A. King of Springfield, and was painted by H. T. Wood of New York, who also painted the portrait of Mr. Lyon which hangs directly in front of the main entrance. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lyon were much interested in the establishment of a free reading room and the erection of a library building. The structure was given by Mrs. Carrie Dale, their daughter, and Mrs. Lyon herself endowed it with $20,000, to be used in its maintenance.

MONTAGUE. Beginning in September the library has been opened on Mondays during the noon hour for the benefit of school children residing in outlying districts. The same practice will be extended to another day in each week if found necessary. At present the library is open one afternoon and two evenings each week. Three new stacks have been placed in the library room, giving shelf room adequate for future needs. A large number of juvenile books have been purchased for use in the schools, and it is proposed to increase the attention paid to this department. The

Miller's Falls branch is circulating a large proportion of the total in the town.

Carnegie Public Library of Turner's Falls. Since work in the mills has been slack, the demands upon the reading room and the books for circulation have been very large. A few books in French have been added during the summer, the first that have been put into the library. About 40 of the best singers in town presented the opera "Pinafore" for the benefit of the library. The proceeds are to be used to purchase cabinets for the library hall, as that room is to be used for a natural history collection. The total circulation for the past year was 21,001.

MONTEREY. The trustees are making special efforts to reach the children in the public schools by placing books in the hands of the teachers. No time limit is placed on these books. They are all returned and accounted for at the end of the term. The trustees organized with E. D. Harmon as chairman and Henry Clapp secretary and treasurer. It was voted to buy $50 or more worth of new books, and so to arrange the shelving that they may be put upon the shelves in the main room. Each card holder will be allowed to take out two books at a time, instead of one, as formerly.

MONTGOMERY. More interest in the library has been marked the past year; books have been taken more regularly and returned more promptly. The purchases of new books have naturally aided in this result, and the number of patrons is on the gain. Among the most valued additions to the library have been a Webster's "Unabridged Dictionary" and a set of Shakespeare.

NAHANT. The trustees, referring to the numerous possibilities for educational work by a public library, express the hope that the library may be remembered by substantial endowments. The circulation for the year was 11,033 volumes, of which only 58.54 per cent. was fiction. Additions numbered 611 volumes, of which 55 were presented.

NANTUCKET. A number of donations of books is reported.

NATICK. Morse Institute. During the year the ceilings and walls have been cleaned and frescoed, arrangements made for additional stack room, the reference library has received some valuable additions, the children's department has been generously patronized and all new books are eagerly devoured. The total circulation has been the largest on record, and a reduction of 2 per cent. in fiction is encouraging. The number of books loaned in connection with the out-of-town vacation was noticeably larger, and the additional allowance on the non-fiction card seems to have been appreciated. Requests for books to assist in various lines of study are growing more numerous.

Bacon Free Library, South Natick. An act of the General Court of 1908 incorporated this library, to carry out the provisions of the will of Oliver Bacon, including the assignment of suitable rooms in the building to the Natural History Society of South Natick, and empowering the corporation to hold real estate to the value of $25,000. The corporators are Gustavus Smith, James E. Cooper, Charles E. Hills, Reuben Hunting and Morton V. B. Bartlett.

NEEDHAM. In 1904 the library began to make use of the Cutter author tables in connection with the Dewey classification. This was found to be such an improvement over the old system of numbering that this year it was decided to assign those numbers to all the books. At the same time a duplicate card catalogue was made for the Needham Heights branch. A printed catalogue, which the patrons demand, is also in preparation, and will be issued in the spring.

NEW BEDFORD. One new branch, the west, has been opened. Work on the reconstruction of the city hall building for library purposes, at a cost of $200,000, is progressing well. The Kempton fund for the purchase of books, pictures, etc., is now available, providing additional book funds of nearly $11,000 annually. The circulation the past year has nearly doubled that of the preceding year, largely due to increased work among the schools.

NEWBURYPORT. There has been a net gain of 1,045 volumes for the year, making a total of 43,871. The circulation for home use was 53,624, a little gain over the previous year. The percentage of fiction was 76, as against 81 a few years ago. There are 6,327 registered borrowers, 932 of whom hold duplicate or non-fiction cards, and 38 school teachers are entitled to draw 10 books at a time for professional use. The additions from the income of the Peabody fund have numbered 316 volumes, making a total of 11,191 books which have contributed to the steady growth of the library since George Peabody's original bequest of $15,000 began to draw interest twenty years ago.

South End Reading Room. At the annual meeting of the association in January, George H. Welch was elected president. Congratulations on the completion of eight years of existence, with ever-increasing prosperity, were expressed by the directors in their annual report. More young people than ever before have made use of the rooms and the books for reference and study, the open shelves giving them every facility for the purpose. The library is open on Monday and Saturday evenings, and though the charter limits its activities to Ward 1, 9,030 books were given out during the year. The record of readers in the rooms totals 2,441 children and young people. Many gifts of books and magazines are acknowledged with gratitude, and con-

siderable donations of money from individuals and from entertainments. The deaths of two well-beloved members, Mrs. W. H. Swasey and Miss Anna L. Coffin, are deplored.

NEW MARLBOROUGH. Miss Jennie P. Lockwood succeeded Miss Katharine C. Doyle as librarian, September 1, at the main library. The Seymour Library Association at Southfield reports five gifts of books.

NEWTON. This library has, in addition to its seven branches, two deposit stations, at Waban and Newton Lower Falls, where books are kept on hand for delivery. The establishment of duplicate pay collections at ten different places has been one of the chief features of the year. For each of these places one or more copies of recent works of fiction are bought, which are let at two cents a day each, being turned in to the regular collection of the library later. The death of the late president of the trustees, Hon. E. B. Haskell, is mentioned with great regret by the Board. Mr. Frank H. Howes succeeds him as president. The extension of the work at the many branches leads the trustees to express the view that a superintendent of branches, to work under the authority of the librarian, will become a necessity before long. Newton is made up of a number of scattered villages, and it is absolutely needful that a sufficient deposit of books shall be kept in each of these villages if the library is to benefit all the citizens.

NORFOLK. Mrs. Mary N. Langley of Lowell has given the library 28 books in memory of her son, H. Nelson Fisher, who was a native of this town.

NORTHAMPTON. A duplicate pay collection has been introduced, which is giving great satisfaction. Shelves to contain 2,800 volumes have been added to the equipment of the stack room. A large room in the basement will be used as a scientific room, and will be equipped with shelves for 5,600 volumes.

Forbes Library. During the past year the city government has been asked to appropriate sufficient money to erect steel shelving for two stories, to accommodate 200,000 volumes, and to erect shelving and cases for the art collections. The demand from other institutions for city appropriations has made this appropriation impossible this year. The students of Smith College have ceased to use this library generally, as the college authorities and the library trustees have failed to agree on the amount to be paid by the college for such use. A few of the students, however, are using the library by paying a fee of $5 a year. Owing to the lack of shelf room, purchases of books have been curtailed, and a large part of the funds used in binding and putting the books in good condition. Over 2,000 volumes have been condemned and many replaced by better editions in

more substantial bindings. Cataloguing is progressing rapidly, over 80 per cent. of the collection being completed, in author and subject entries. During October, 1908, the issue of books for home use was 5,451 volumes, exclusive of circulation through the branches. Past experience has shown that when Smith College students used the library the percentage of books issued to them was about 28. Deducting this percentage from the 6,236 volumes issued in October, 1907, it appears that only 4,490 books were issued in that month to the city users; in other words, there is an increase of nearly 1,000 volumes issued to the citizens, a gain of 21 per cent. The trustees have voted also to withdraw the privilege of drawing books from the library, heretofore given to students of educational institutions outside of Northampton.

North Adams. The library and the schools draw more closely together every year. This past year the pupils of the high school and the upper grammar grades have been taught how to use the library; the high school pupils, especially those who go away to college, find this particularly helpful. The required course of reading for the high school was posted at the library when the summer vacation began, lists for summer reading being circulated also in the lower grades. The drawing instructor put on exhibition a collection of the work in drawing and manual training. Story hours were held as usual in July and August. Reference lists for the various study clubs have been compiled and subjects suggested for their programmes. Descriptive and critical notes were pasted in most of the new books, especially those most valuable. Lists of the books on music and domestic economy were typewritten and after revision will be printed. The library is printing a catalogue of its books on North and South America. Scrapbooks have been made on several subjects, chiefly local, for which there is much demand. Duplicates of various poems have been typewritten for circulation. The public document room has been rearranged and the shelves labelled. The library each year advertises more and more, — through the newspapers, the schools, its various printed lists and by post cards sent to individual readers. The newspapers have helped by generously printing lists of new books, so effectively that often every book on a given subject has been taken out. Special efforts have been made to help those of foreign birth in the study of English. The school children have kept the library supplied with native wild flowers. Original drawings of birds, photographs of the city and of local balloon ascensions have been posted on the bulletin boards, and there was the usual exhibit of Christmas books. The railroad has loaned a rack for the local time-tables, which have proved very useful. The Northern Berkshire Ornithological Society met at the library, and a list of all its books on birds was compiled

by request and printed in the newspapers. Open house was held at the library on September 11, when visitors were present from northern Berkshire towns, who were shown over the library and its methods explained to them. As in former years, discarded books were sent to the schools, the firemen and the almshouses. The firemen showed their appreciation by sending the library a beautiful bouquet. Many gifts of books are reported. The circulation for home use was nearly 92,000, with a total of about 28,000 volumes in the library.

NORTH ANDOVER. The first year in the beautiful new Stevens Memorial Library building, the opening of which was described in the last report, has proved very successful, and the library is gaining in popularity and in usefulness to the community. The library has received from the trustees of Phillips Academy, Andover, a gift of $1,200, the income to be used for educational books and magazines, and a smaller sum which is available now. Many valuable gifts of books are also acknowledged. The Browne charging system has been introduced.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH. The interior of the library has been redecorated and granolithic walks built from the streets to the building. The branch at New Boston has been given up after a year's trial.

NORTHBOROUGH. The lighting of the building has been changed to electricity. Congressional library cards for the non-fiction books are being used.

NORTHBRIDGE. Whitinsville Social Library. Books are sent to Rockdale, Linwood and Northbridge Center. The circulation for the year was 10,947; number of new subscribers, 119; volumes in the library, 7,484; added during the year, 182.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. "We. have adopted the custom of buying $5 worth of the newest fiction each month, with good results."

NORTHFIELD. Another furnace has been installed in the basement of the library building, and it is used to heat the second story, with good results. The trustees mention with deep regret the death of their associate, Charles H. Green, who was largely instrumental in securing the erection of the library building. Mrs. Green has presented to the library a fine, life-size portrait of her late husband. His successor on the Board is Benjamin F. Field. Many books and relics presented during the year are acknowledged. Three large cabinets of minerals and Indian relics, many of them from the Pacific coast, have been loaned by Haskell Holton. In the purchase of books the policy is pursued of acquiring attractive editions of standard novels, interesting travels, noted biographies, etc., in order to wean the readers from excessive addiction to ephemeral and trashy fiction. The best juvenile literature is secured for the children.

NORTON. A basketful of books is sent periodically to Barrowsville for circulation among the neighboring families.

NORWOOD. The trustees note an increase in the popularity and usefulness of the reading room. They are considering the establishment of a children's room. The circulation has been larger than ever before; many books have been added and many of value replaced; 100 shelves have been added, relieving to some degree the congestion. Rev. J. B. Troy resigned as trustee in December, 1907; his successor is James A. Halloran.

OAK BLUFFS. Over 100 books and some magazines have been donated to the library the past season by the summer visitors.

OAKHAM. For over one hundred years the town has had a public library, but, until the past summer, never a library building. On Aug. 27, 1908, the beautiful new Fobes Memorial, on the site of the first schoolhouse in town, was dedicated. It is built of field stone and finished in oak, is provided with metallic shelving and stacks, with adequate heating and sanitary facilities, and is conveniently arranged. The building is the gift of the late Charles A. Fobes of Petersham, in memory of his father, P. Ames Fobes, and by Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester and Mrs. Harriet Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y., in memory of Hiram Fobes and Hiram Nye Fobes. Its cost was $10,000. At the dedication exercises, Dean Henry P. Wright of Yale University spoke interestingly of Oakham libraries, and showed several books that belonged to the old library association, dating from 1794, one of them being "A True Narrative of the First French Revolution," which was catalogued in 1796, and probably is the oldest book extant that formerly belonged to that association. After addresses by Robert K. Shaw of the Worcester Public Library and Dr. Eva M. Tappen of Worcester, Mrs. Celia E. Fobes presented the keys of the new building to Gardner Dean, chairman of the selectmen, who feelingly accepted the gift. Deacon Jesse Allen responded for the trustees, and Rev. Francis N. Peloubet of Auburndale, former pastor of the Oakham Church, spoke on the "village library."

ORANGE. Miss N. Gertrude Hendrickson has been appointed librarian, *vice* Miss Grace Dawley, who resigned after several years of faithful and very acceptable service.

ORLEANS. During the year 143 volumes have been purchased, making a total of 4,834; circulated, 8,741. There is a handsome balance in the treasury.

OTIS. This past summer a building has been rented in the center of the village, and the books have been transferred to it from a residence in a remote section, where they have been kept hitherto. Two rooms on the ground floor have been fitted up, — the front one for books and the librarian's desk, the rear one for such games as may be played without disturbing the readers. A card catalogue is being

made. Several books and some games have been donated. The Free Public Library Commission has given cards, cabinets and books. The town appropriated $100 for library uses this year. The library has been open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons during the summer. It is hoped to keep the game room open on certain evenings, if not every evening during the winter, for the benefit of the town boys especially. A large table for the game room and six chairs have been donated. The change in location has resulted in a greatly increased use of the library and in the circulation of books. A reception to the pastor and his wife has been held in the new rooms; a class of boys and girls meets there with the pastor one evening a week and the Village Improvement Society is likely to use the library for its committee meetings. In fact, the library promises to be not only a public but a popular institution.

OXFORD. The trustees report a year of expansion and progress. Not only have 500 books been added — many of them gifts — but frequent exhibitions of pictures have been made and many interesting additions made to the collection of antiquities; lectures have been given and exhibitions of the work of pupils in the schools held. A department of choice French literature has been added, for the benefit of French-speaking patrons. A number of portraits of prominent citizens have been added to the collection on the walls. Sunday afternoon opening, for reading only, has proved a success. The librarian, Mrs. Fuller, has been designated by the Free Public Library Commission as one of three to attend a six-weeks summer course in library work at Simmons College, the whole expense being borne by the State. The honor is highly appreciated, and the results in the improvement of the library are expected to be great.

PALMER. From Aug. 1, 1907, to March 3, 1908, there was no librarian, but from the last-mentioned date, when Mr. Lee T. Gray was elected, the library has been moving forward in a satisfactory way.

PEABODY. An additional amount of insurance has been placed on the property, in view of the large value which would be imperilled in case of fire. The question of a new heating plant is one that presses for early solution. The room of the Eben Dale Sutton reference library should be refinished. Mohawk Chapter, D. A. R., of Albany has placed in the custody of the trustees a collection of 16 old prints relating to the life and services to his country of George Peabody. Purchases of books have included many important works in all branches of the best literature, including fiction. The Eben Dale Sutton reference collection now numbers over 4,000 volumes. Its close connection with the institute makes it a valuable adjunct, while it is also open for purposes of refer-

ence to non-resident students and inquirers, who are not entitled to the privileges of the institute. Miss Augusta E. Daniels, the librarian of the reference library for twenty-six years, died Jan. 25, 1908, much regretted. Her successor is Miss Frances M. Carroll.

PELHAM. Books are sent to West Pelham by the stage, for the accommodation of the people there, who are three miles from the main library. The gift of a beautiful dictionary by the State has been much appreciated.

PEMBROKE. About $20 have been expended in subscriptions for magazines, which have circulated freely, no other class of reading being in greater demand. Exchanges of books with the Cobb Library at Bryantville and the library at West Duxbury have given the use of about 80 additional volumes to the stock for circulation.

PEPPERELL. The library has received a bequest of $2,700 the past year. By the death of Dr. William F. Heald the board of trustees has lost a valued member, who had been identified with the library from its inception. The trustees express their thanks to Messrs. Keyes for free lighting of the library, as for six years past.

PETERSHAM. Several valuable donations are reported. During the year the library has added about 250 books, making the total about 9,300 volumes. Some additions have been made to the collection of native birds.

PITTSFIELD. The Massachusetts Library Club held its annual convention in Pittsfield, June 3 to 6, and addresses and discussions on subjects relating to library work were made by Librarian Ballard of the Berkshire Atheneum, Miss Katharine P. Loring of Pride's Crossing, J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., of the Boston Atheneum, Librarian Wellman of the Springfield City Library, W. I. Fletcher of the Amherst College Library, Andrew Keough of the Yale University Library, J. Wyer, Jr., secretary of the American Library Association, Librarian Foss of the Somerville Public Library, and George H. Tripp of the New Bedford Public Library. The total circulation for the year was 96,221, an increase over the preceding year of 18,788, or nearly 20 per cent. At the request of the fire department, a collection of 100 volumes has been sent to the fire station, and collections have been sent also to the county jail and to the Rice school. Almost no damage to books sent to the schools has been reported. The number of visitors to the Museum of Natural History and Art has been 25,426, a gain of 2,414 over the previous year. The museum is largely used and much enjoyed by the school children, teachers often sending them to gather materials for school work. Many additions to the museum have been made. Some much-needed changes and improvements in the atheneum building are recommended by the president in his annual report.

PLAINVILLE. The first year's operations of this new library have shown how essential to the life of a progressive town is the public library. Opening with about 500 volumes, of which 108 were given by the State, 112 by the Plainville Library Association and the rest purchased with money appropriated by the town, and $75.75 from the school children's society and donated by friends, the library has been so largely used on every Monday evening that the services of all the trustees have been in demand to attend to the patrons. The open-shelf system is in use, and the circulation is about 75 volumes a week, and steadily growing.

PLYMOUTH. The library has received from an unknown friend the gift of $50; from the Book Club over 50 volumes of the best works of history, biography and fiction; from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company 6 volumes of its history and records; from Miss Harriet L. Robbins of New York 13 volumes of the publications of the Egypt Exploration Fund; from Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Greenwood about 40 volumes of fiction; from Collingwood Post the early history and journals of the Massachusetts G. A. R.; and from Miss Mary Pratt of Boston a generous donation for the purchase of books.

PRESCOTT. About 140 volumes, purchased late in 1906, having been on the shelves at the main library for a year, have been divided between the hill and east branches, to be exchanged from one to the other and then returned to the main library. This plan permits residents of all sections to have access to the books while they are comparatively new.

PROVINCETOWN. The Dewey system of classification has been adopted and a new charging system is being introduced.

QUINCY. The addition to the main building, made possible through the generosity of Mr. Albert Crane, as mentioned in the last report, has been completed and occupied. It provides a new fireproof stack room, with librarian's and cataloguers' rooms, and a large children's room in the basement story. The cost was $63,000. The Browne charging system is to replace the old temporary slip system.

RANDOLPH. A large increase in circulation and a correspondingly greater use of the reading room is reported. During the year 624 volumes have been added to the books on the shelves, many of which were gifts. The new heating plant is a decided improvement. The trustees call the attention of the town to the need of renovating the library rooms and the approaches thereto.

READING. A change in the system of numbering has been introduced; it is believed it will add greatly to the convenience of the librarian and of those who go to the open shelves to make selections. The children between the ages of ten and fourteen, who were first given library privileges a year ago, still are interested and give little trouble. Only those above fourteen are permitted access to the

open shelves, and an arrangement of bars, so that in going to the alcoves they have to pass the attendant at the delivery desk, facilitates control of the library. During the year 222 volumes have been added, embracing excellent selections in a wide variety of fields. About 181 more, purchased out of the year's appropriation, have been placed in circulation since the year's accounts were closed.

REVERE. The cataloguing of the library, which was not completed at the end of 1907, as mentioned in the last report, was finished early in 1908, and the distribution of books resumed. The trustees regretted the interruption in the work of the library, but felt that it was unavoidable, as the library had not been catalogued for seventeen years, and many books, for this reason, had become practically inaccessible. The trustees have appointed Mr. Theodore Grover a special committee in charge of the historical department of the library. He has already collected many documents, pictures, etc., of historical interest, and has made ample arrangements for the safe and attractive exhibition of any such articles as may be given or loaned. The town appropriated $1,300 for permanent repairs on the roof and dome of the library building, which have been completed and structural defects remedied.

RICHMOND. Additions during the year numbered 175, of which a number of the best books were given by friends, some of whom were non-residents. The custom of adding a few books at a time, and frequently, has been continued. One of the school teachers takes 20 or 25 books at a time, and distributes them among her pupils who are unable to come to the library for them. The gift of a Webster's unabridged dictionary of the latest edition by the Free Public Library Commission was a welcome accession. The plan of placing periodicals on the table at the railroad station which was adopted two or three years ago, has proved so popular that it will be continued.

ROCHESTER. John S. Ryder, for many years an honored and efficient trustee, died in May, 1907. He manifested his interest in the library by leaving it a legacy amounting to $722.63, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of books. Increased interest on the part of school children and youth is noted, to which the open shelves have contributed.

ROCKLAND. This library has received a gift of $500 from the estate of Mrs. Hattie Curtis, the income to be used in purchasing books. Circulation for the year was 29,238, an increase of 3,562 over the preceding year. The expense of installing reading lamps for the tables in the reading rooms has been justified, and the use of these rooms steadily increases.

ROWE. The library has been open every day, except from June 1 to October 1, when it was open two afternoons and one evening a week.

It has been used more than ever by teachers and pupils for reference work.

ROYALSTON. A marked increase, both in circulation and in number of patrons, is reported. More room for books is needed, and the trustees urge a new library building and reading room.

RUSSELL. Teachers are allowed four books at a time on educational topics, which may be retained one month. The library is much used by the school children. Thomas Haggerty resigned as trustee, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. M. B. Shelley, the librarian, was appointed his successor for the rest of the year. Mrs. F. S. Bower, who had served efficiently for four years as librarian of the branch at Woronoco, resigned, and Miss Marjorie Smith was appointed her successor. Late in 1908 Mrs. Shelley was obliged by severe illness to resign as librarian, and Mrs. Minnie B. Parks was elected to succeed her for the rest of the year. During the past year a new set of the traveling library books has been in use and has been much enjoyed. In gifts, the library has been fortunate, books, pictures and magazines having been given by friends, and 52 volumes have been purchased.

RUTLAND. Various organizations of the town have contributed liberally to the purchase of literature for the reading room. Many books and magazines also have been given. The trustees have bought the new "International Encyclopedia," in 21 volumes, and 50 other books.

SALEM. The large addition to the books on shorthand in the library has led to their being reclassified according to a special system, separating the old publications, which have only antiquarian interest, from the modern and practical ones. The shorthand collection now numbers 478. The usefulness of the library is hampered by its crowded condition and the inconvenient arrangement of books and rooms. The librarian urges the need of a new library building. The home circulation for the year was 94,036 volumes. Gifts total 119 bound volumes, 552 pamphlets and 1,074 numbers of periodicals.

SANDWICH. Mrs. William Weston of Plymouth, by her will some two years ago, left the town of Sandwich $21,000, to be expended for a lot of land and a new library building. Her husband soon after left a like amount to the town, his will directing that if Mrs. Weston's legacy was insufficient to provide the lot and building, a part of his bequest should be applied to the same purpose, the remainder to constitute a fund for the maintenance of the library. The town appointed three trustees to buy the lot and erect the building. Plans were made, but the price fixed for the building was too high, and they are being modified. It is stipulated that the building shall cost not exceeding $25,000. It is to be of brick and stone, with all modern improvements,

and the wills of Mr. and Mrs. Weston provided that it should be built within five years. The lot of land purchased is in the center of the town and cost $1,250. Three other trustees were appointed by the town to care for the money conveyed by these two bequests, and it has been well invested.

SAUGUS. The crowded conditions noted in the last report have been intensified and the trustees make an earnest appeal for more room, saying that the present available space for the public is only about 60 square feet, and the bookstacks are top heavy with books that should be placed elsewhere. The delivery of books to outlying sections has been discontinued, owing to the small appropriation, which also prevented the purchase of the usual number of books, and because of the small number of books delivered in this manner. About 20 interesting exhibits of pictures from the Library Art Club have been made during the year. Readings from "Hiawatha" were given in connection with the pictures bearing the title of the poem. Gifts of books and curiosities are acknowledged.

SHARON. Though the circulation from the children's department has increased, the total of the library has fallen off, largely owing to a less number of accessions, due to lack of room for books.

SHEFFIELD. A few books of fiction have been presented to the library and its funds somewhat helped by a tax of $1 each upon non-residents for use during the summer.

SHELBURNE. Arms Library, Shelburne Falls. For the past year the town of Shelburne has appropriated $300 for the support of this library, and the town of Buckland $200. Invested funds yield a further revenue of about $375. D. W. Wilcox, for several years librarian, resigned in the late summer of 1908, and will make his home with his son, Dr. Ernest Wilcox, at Pleasantville, N. Y. The trustees elected Capt. Charles P. Hall, for fourteen years superintendent of schools for the Shelburne district, as Mr. Wilcox's successor.

SHIRLEY. The circulation shows a gain of nearly 700 volumes for the year. Use by the high school has increased. The trustees have deemed it wise to open the library Wednesday afternoons, as well as Saturday, and the results justify this action. Valuable gifts of books and relics are reported.

SHREWSBURY. "We are now giving out an unlimited number of books to students and also renewing without seeing." A handsome increase in circulation is reported, and the proportion of fiction is very moderate, only 58.5 per cent. The use of the library for reference work has been very marked. Several valuable additions have been made to this department. In the interests of local history a record has been preserved of the events of the Old Home celebration, and souvenir postals of the affair

are mounted. Several fine pictures have been presented and hung in the library rooms.

SHUTESBURY. Efforts are constantly made by the trustees to raise the standard of the reading supplied to the public, and in the selection of new books the works of the best authors are given the preference. The donor of the library presented to the town several cases of books by standard authors, which are classed as solid reading.

SOMERSET. New books are added frequently and many gifts are acknowledged. The increased patronage has necessitated additional time for the distribution of books.

SOMERVILLE. The library has done more work the past year than ever before, the increase being almost wholly at the central library. The total home circulation has been 419,539, of which 107,004 is credited to the school department. The construction of the branch library at West Somerville, made possible by Mr. Carnegie's gift, is progressing. Conspicuous among the many gifts to the library has been that of the fine Italian marble statue of "Damoxenus," one of Canova's boxers, by Eben D. Jordan of Boston, which has been placed in the curved front of the delivery room.

SOUTHAMPTON. The walls and woodwork of the interior have been newly finished and the attractiveness of the library increased thereby. The circulation and school work have made satisfactory gains. A traveling library and several collections of pictures have been loaned by the Women's Education Association. Subscriptions for additional magazines have added to the use of the reading room; several are donated by friends. The need of an additional card-catalogue cabinet is imperative.

SOUTHBOROUGH. The need of a library building is the chief matter urged by the trustees. The present accommodations are quite inadequate to a proper management of the institution.

SOUTHBRIDGE. There was a slight gain in circulation for the year, but the children's department showed some falling off, due no doubt to the decision of the trustees to exclude children under fifteen from the magazine and reading rooms after 6 P.M. Many valuable additions have been made to the collection, several donations received and the library rooms freshly painted.

SOUTH HADLEY. Free Public Library, South Hadley Falls. In the first year's use of the new library building, the gift of Andrew Carnegie and several local friends, there was a circulation of 12,434 volumes, with about 4,000 on the shelves. The trustees early in the spring of 1908 decided to open the library two hours each afternoon and two hours each evening. The death of R. O. Dwight, a valued member of the Board, is deplored by the trustees.

SOUTHWICK. Through the kind offices of Miss Ida F. Farrar of the Springfield library two stacks of shelves have been received from Quincy for the public library, free of all expense. They will relieve very much its crowded condition.

SPENCER. Two new schemes have been tried at the library the past summer. One was "the children's hour," which proved very successful. A young lady in town, who studies at a kindergarten school in Boston, told stories to the children between the ages of five and twelve during the hour between 2 and 3 P.M., every other week. Some 25 children attended each time, with great enjoyment. The other innovation was the circulation of lists of summer reading in the schools. Many children who never had visited the library became interested in these lists and have made use of the facilities.

SPRINGFIELD. The year 1908 has marked an epoch in the history of the city library. Not only have plans been completed for the splendid new building on the finest part of the city's handsomest central avenue, but Andrew Carnegie has supplemented his munificent gift of $175,000 to this object by $50,000 additional, for branch library buildings at Forest Park, Indian Orchard and the North End. Sites for the two first named were presented by public-spirited citizens, and the buildings, costing about $16,000 each, are nearly completed; while at the North End, the raising of a similar structure has been delayed only by the selection of a suitable site, for which the residents of that section secured the funds. The lot chosen is on Chestnut Street, facing Calhoun Park. Bids for the central library building have been obtained, and it is expected to break ground early in the spring of 1909. It will be of white marble and fireproof throughout, and will cost about $325,000 furnished. It has been planned with a view to giving the public access to about 200,000 volumes. On the main floor, directly opposite the entrance, will be the delivery room. The art room, 70 by 75 feet, is on the right and the main book room, 85 feet square, is on the left. This main book room is the most individual feature of the plan, for it provides for a large reading room, with shelving for 100,000 volumes arranged in radiating cases on the floor and in the balcony above. This gives supervision by the reference librarians stationed in the middle of the room and also the most direct access. It is hoped thus to encourage the most convenient relations between the public, the staff and the books. The periodical reading room is at the right of the entrance; in the basement, which in front is entirely above ground, are the newspaper reading room and the children's rooms, each reached by a separate entrance, with a two-story book stack in the rear, under the delivery room and the main book room. In the second story are the administration rooms,

the medical library and a large unassigned space which in time may develop into a technical library. The dimensions of the building are 223 feet long and 85 feet deep. A model of the structure, which is from the plans of Edward S. Tilton of New York, was on exhibition in the present library for several months, and shows the new building to be simple and dignified in architecture, not unlike the Boston Public Library in general appearance. In addition to the Carnegie gift, Col. James A. Rumrill has given $10,000 and the widow of E. W. Bond $5,000; both men were former presidents of the association. Other local contributions — one of $50,000 and the other of half that amount — are said to be assured, but not yet ready for announcement. The circulation for the past year has been 483,632 volumes, — a gain of 58,569 over the previous year and the largest increase in the history of the library since it was made free twenty-three years ago. The policy is aggressive in the matter of bringing the library to the attention of the public. Not only are open shelves and absence of red tape attractions to borrowers, but the monthly bulletin, containing, besides the lists of accessions, current news relating to the library and the museums, and also interesting comment on the new books, is distributed freely through the city; the notices of new books are published weekly in four newspapers; mimeographed lists of books relating to particular trades, professions and important subjects are sent where they will do the most good. Twelve exhibitions of photographs and other pictures have been held during the year. The additions have numbered 9,117, of which 832 were gifts, making the total May 1, 1908, 159,246. Many notable reference books were bought during the year and 109 titles of current fiction, two or three copies of each. In addition from 6 to 12 copies of each were bought for the pay collection, which is rented at one cent a day each. This collection brought in a profit of about $600, which will be spent for additional free copies the current year. The medical library has been enlarged by the expenditure of nearly $200, contributed by physicians of the city. Miss Alice Shepard and Miss Ida F. Farrar of the staff have visited the little country libraries in the neighborhood, working on volunteer committees in connection with the Free Public Library Commission, and Miss Flora F. Prince has been given leave of absence to give instruction in repairing and binding books to such librarians as the commission designates. On September 11 the library kept "open house" for the librarians of surrounding towns, of whom some 25 accepted the invitation. Members of the staff showed them the workings of the library, and there was a pleasant discussion of helpful topics. A book on the trees of Springfield and vicinity is to be issued by the science department of the library. Miss Grace L.

Pettis, assistant curator of the science museum, is in charge of its preparation, and it will be brought out, probably in a modest edition, in the fall of next year. It will be illustrated with many photographs by Everett H. Barney, the donor to the city of a great part of the beautiful Forest Park.

STERLING. The library has been classified and a card catalogue made, which greatly increases its usefulness.

STONEHAM. Casts of Minerva and Diana have been placed in the delivery room, and an iron fence built at the rear of the building. Many books have been donated. The use of the library, both for reading and for drawing books, has shown a good increase.

STOUGHTON. In June last a bronze bas-relief of Lucius Clapp of Randolph, donor of the library building, was placed in the library. It is the gift of the sculptor, George T. Brewster of New York, and is a fine portrait.

STOW. During the year repairs on the building and the walk have been needed improvements. Gifts of a flag from John A. Reilly, valuable African curios, books and other additions to the treasures of the library are acknowledged. Increased circulation and greater use of the reading room and the reference books by the children are gratifying.

STURBRIDGE. The annual meeting of the Bay Path Library Club was held at this library June 26, a large number of members and friends coming from as far west as Westfield. They were gracefully welcomed by Trustee Charles V. Corey, and Miss M. A. Tarbell of Brimfield made a fitting response. Henry R. Huntting of Springfield spoke on "The public library from the business men's standpoint," and Dr. Louis N. Wilson of Clark University Library read a paper on "Common sense applied to the libraries." A short discussion on topics of interest followed. Lectures on "Native trees and shrubs" and on "The Jamestown exposition" were other features of the season of 1908.

SUDBURY. A general renovation of the interior, beginnings on a recataloguing and plans for installing a new charging system are salient features of the year's report. The death of Jonas S. Hunt, long a trustee and worker for the library, elicits expressions of sorrow from his late associates. The fitting up of a reference room has added to the convenience and utility of the library. Rev. A. S. Hudson bequeathed to Sudbury the various relics and historical pictures hitherto held in the library as a loan.

SUNDERLAND. The circulation record has been broken again, being nearly 700 larger than in any previous year of the thirty-eight in the library's history.

SUTTON. Jason Waters, librarian of the West Sutton branch, died during the summer of 1908.

SWAMPSCOTT. The legacy by the will of Mrs. Joanna Morse, the income of which is to be devoted to the purchase of books, has been paid into the town treasury and amounts to $5,196. As it is lying in bank and yielding only a small income, the trustees recommend that it be invested, under the direction of the selectmen, in some proper securities, or loaned to the town at a fair rate of interest. The shelf room in the library is filled to the limit and provision for enlargement is urged.

SWANSEA. Gifts from the Free Public Library Commission and from friends are appreciatively mentioned.

TAUNTON. The circulation for the year was 64,812, and the total number of books in the library 54,723. The increase of 5,321 over the previous year was largely in juvenile literature. There has been an unrecorded but gratifying increase in the use of the reference library. The requirements of this department call for the completion of the third tier of the stack, which has remained unoccupied since the erection of the building. By membership in the Library Art Club, several exhibitions of photographs and photogravures have been made during the year, which have been described in the local newspapers and have added much to the pleasure of patrons. Six lectures in the library course have proved interesting to large audiences. A large, well-lighted children's room was opened April 1, 1908, and provided much-needed facilities for this rapidly growing department. Much work has been accomplished in cataloguing, the Library of Congress cards being used where practicable.

TEWKSBURY. Boxes of books are sent to Wamesit, North, Northwest and South Tewksbury, where there are deposit stations, and are exchanged every two weeks. Many donations during the year are acknowledged.

TOPSFIELD. The circulation shows an increase over the previous year, especially in popular light reading for home use, while there has been a slight falling off in school use. A new bookcase has relieved the congestion of the shelves. The new hot-water heating plant has proved a great improvement and has kept the rooms comfortable in the severest weather. Magazine reading has shown increased popularity.

TOWNSEND. The additions to the library number 150 volumes, making a total of 5,138, with a circulation for the year of 9,634, of which 3,209 have been from the West Townsend delivery station. The building of a wall stack has given the needed room for books. The work in the schools has been large. Many gifts are reported.

TRURO. The circulation has shown a falling off, due to the Sunday school at North Truro having added new books, which have been taken in preference to those in the branch at that place. Gifts of books from the State are gratefully acknowledged.

TYNGSBOROUGH. Since the last report the residuary legacy of Mrs. Littlefield, amounting to something over $4,000, has been received and invested in sound, dividend-paying securities, the income being reserved, according to the terms of the will, for the purchase of books. The death of Dr. Granville A. Harlow, member and treasurer of the trustees, is deeply deplored. After much trouble and thought a plan has been evolved by which the people of the old school district, known as No. 3, are regularly supplied with books. The teacher, who resides near by, becomes responsible for the books, and is allowed a modest sum to secure monthly trips to the library for the exchanging of the supply. Much is hoped for from this arrangement.

TYRINGHAM. The library has installed new shelves and a staircase to one of the galleries, thus increasing the capacity. Important gifts of books for children and adult fiction have been received from the Brookline library, also some 50 volumes from Hon. Joseph H. Choate. The traveling library and picture exhibits of the Women's Education Association have been of great value.

UPTON. The library room in the town hall building has been redecorated in green and white, making it very attractive. Books have been added to the children's department, and changes in its arrangements made to facilitate their use of the books. A number of volumes, some valuable, have been donated.

UXBRIDGE. An increase in the number of books deposited at the school in North Uxbridge, under charge of the principal, Miss M. I. Gunn, and their successful distribution among the children in that section, has been the principal new work of the past year. The card catalogue has been greatly improved by cross-references for the more comprehensive subjects. Library of Congress cards are used for non-fiction requiring many cards. Use of the reference room shows an encouraging gain.

WAKEFIELD. The circulation has increased over 70 per cent. in the past ten years. Two important factors in this increase are the branch at Greenwood, which circulated 10,000 books last year, and the distribution of circulars throughout the town. The Greenwood branch, which is in a large, newly fitted room in the basement of the schoolhouse, started in a very modest way, but the interest of the children has spread to the adults. Students of the high school have offered for sale at every house in town the supplementary catalogue of the library, and at each house have left a circular calling attention to the hours and the privileges of the library. The need of a library building, or at least of a children's room, becomes more and more pressing.

WALES. At the town meeting in April, 1908, the trustees, who were instructed by the 1907 town meeting to look into the matter of better accommodations for the library, reported that they had

been unable to find any location which they could recommend, but that within a short time they had learned of out-of-town persons who were interested in having Wales supplied with a permanent library building, and that they had hopes of suitable quarters being provided from this source. The town voted to keep the library in its present cramped room for the present year, and empowered the trustees to take such action as should seem best to secure a fund or subscriptions for a building.

WALPOLE. A substantial increase in circulation and general use of the library is reported. The patronage by nonresidents on payment of the customary fee has continued about as usual. The work of the branch library at the Wednesday Club house, East Walpole, has so increased that the women of the club, with a generosity and thoughtfulness which the trustees thankfully recognize, have provided a large room in the basement, newly painted, fitted with shelving and electrically lighted, with a desk and reading table supplied, — all at no expense to the town, — and it was occupied at the beginning of 1908. Over 3,000 books have been given out from this branch during the year, and two-thirds of the number have been juvenile.

WALTHAM. Reclassification after the Dewey system, introduction of the Newark system of charging and the establishment of a children's room have been the chief new departures of the year.

WARE. The interior of the library building has been redecorated, adding to its attractiveness.

WAREHAM. The burning of a fine residence in a central and desirable location enabled the trustees to secure an admirable site for a library building and by gifts of friends of the library, and the strictest economy in running expenses, it is hoped to pay for it within a short time and to make the much-needed building a reality before many years have elapsed.

WARREN. The chief accessions during the year have been in the reference department, among them being "The History of All Nations," 24 volumes; "With the World's Great Travelers," 8 volumes; a set of 5 volumes of natural history; the "Encyclopedia of Applied Electricity" and the "Encyclopedia of Engineering," 5 volumes each. A gift of 32 volumes from W. H. Wright of Somers, N. Y., is reported. The directors express their sorrow at the death of their late president, the Hon. Wilson H. Fairbank.

WARWICK. The library was closed for a month on account of cases of scarlet fever in town. By advice of the State Board of Health the books held by families in which the disease appeared were not taken back into the library, but were replaced by new copies. Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith has presented a fine portrait of her late husband, Judge Fayette Smith. She also gave, to be sold

for the benefit of the library, 50 copies of her address on "Some Notable Women of Warwick," delivered before the old residents' annual reunion, in August, 1907.

WATERTOWN. "We have practically completed the reclassification and rearrangement of the library by the expansive system (seventh) of Charles A. Cutter, and like it more the more we work over it and use it." The discarding of nearly 750 volumes of the most worn, because most popular, books has made the net gain for the year only 441 volumes, though the purchases have exceeded those of any previous year. The recorded circulation has been about the average for several years. The librarian says: "It would be possible greatly to increase the number of books taken away from the library by providing a larger number of duplicates of the more popular novels." Some very important additions to reference books have been made, including several encyclopedias and editions of standard works of literature and of fiction. Technical books also have been added in good numbers, and work with the schools has received a due share of attention.

WAYLAND. The branch library and reading room at Cochituate, mentioned in the last report, has proved a successful and useful addition to the town's facilities for readers. Its use has increased steadily since the opening. Work with the schools is another feature of hopeful progress.

WEBSTER. The library has received a cash gift of $25 from Mrs. H. N. Slater, one of the trustees. This was expended in buying an encyclopedia of art and some children's books. The new reference room has been much appreciated and very helpful. The picture exhibits from the Woman's Education Association have been much enjoyed.

WELLESLEY. The circulation for 1907 was more than 15 per cent. above that of the preceding year. The distributing station established in 1906 at the corner of Worcester and Cedar streets has been removed to the Fiske school, where it is giving general satisfaction. The exterior of the library building has been put in thoroughly good condition.

WELLFLEET. The year has been one of prosperity for the library. Gifts of cash and of many valuable books from friends in and out of town are noted. Among them are a fine set of American "Encyclopedia of Biography" and a bookcase from Mrs. Harriman, as a memorial to Judge H. P. Harriman; 130 volumes from Charles H. Wight of New York, as a memorial to Drs. Thomas N. and William N. Stone, and several others. The citizens have begun raising money to purchase a desirable piece of property for their library. The sum to be raised is about $900, and the first person asked to contribute gave $250. The people think there will be no difficulty in raising the needed money, and it is hoped to be able to offer the property to the town at the next town meeting. It is

the plan to use the first floor of the building for the library and the second floor for town offices, as the town is hiring less central and less desirable quarters for that purpose. The trustees propose to catalogue the library, but under the circumstances think it wise to defer this until the question of new quarters is decided. If the plan goes through, they will close the library for a short time, move it, catalogue it and have it in good shape for the reopening.

WENHAM. Since moving into the new room, as mentioned in the last report, the library has been reclassified by the Dewey decimal system and a card catalogue prepared, the Ladies' Village Improvement Society having generously provided the means and aided in the labor.

WESTBOROUGH. The new library building, mentioned in the last report as nearing completion, was opened to public use on June 24, 1908. Its total cost was $34,000. The basement story is of selected pink Milford granite; the first and second stories of gray mottled Roman brick, laid in cement, with trimmings of Indiana limestone. The roof is covered with red slate. The inside finish of the first story, stairs and main hallway is of selected quartered oak; of the second story, ash; of the basement, North Carolina pine. The entrance, from Main Street, is up a broad flight of stone steps, through a vestibule wainscoted in marble and floored in colored mosaic; thence through a staircase hall into the delivery room, of ornamental design, which occupies the center of the main building. On the right is the reference and general reading room; on the left, the children's room. The furniture is of polished oak. The stack room in rear of the delivery desk is of fireproof construction and is separated from the main building by metal-covered sliding doors. The floor is of glass, supported on a steel frame, and the walls are faced with enameled bricks. Metal stacks, iron stairs and book lift make the room thoroughly serviceable. In the second story are a lecture hall, art, study and trustees' rooms. Before removal the library was recatalogued.

WEST BOYLSTON. Increased circulation and use of reference books by the school pupils is reported. The trustees propose to make a specialty of preserving all matter bearing on local history, and have had all the town reports available bound for preservation.

WEST BRIDGEWATER. The trustees report that a small part of the Mrs. Edgerly fund, given in 1906, has been used for the purchase of books of permanent value. The Cornelia Alger and Francis E. Howard funds remain on deposit in savings banks. All books purchased from such funds given to the library will be labeled with the donor's name.

WEST BROOKFIELD. The bequest of $5,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Mary A. L. Brown, the income of which is for the benefit of the

Merriam Public Library, was accepted by the town at a special meeting on Sept. 21, 1908, and the selectmen a few days later received a check for $5,075, the amount of the legacy with interest. A special committee from the selectmen and library trustees will invest this fund, which is to bear the donor's name. The trustees have at last obtained permission from the town to connect the library heater with the town water mains. Up to two years ago the library was supplied by a private aqueduct company, but being cut off on account of a shortage, the janitor has been obliged to carry water for the boiler or connect a piece of hose to a hydrant.

WESTFIELD. An increase of about 20 per cent. in total circulation, with a slight decrease in the percentage of fiction circulated, is noted. Exhibits of the manual training work of the public schools were held in a room in the building monthly from January to June. These brought many strangers into the library and proved a valuable means of co-operation with the schools. A list of about 65 standard novels, with notes explanatory of their contents, has proved a fairly successful means of raising the standard of fiction reading. With the beginning of summer a list of juvenile works, carefully selected, was distributed throughout the schools, with the promise to give a certificate to each pupil giving evidence of having read five of these works between July 1 and August 15. The plan proved eminently successful, 36 of the pupils finished the reading and received certificates. A room is being remodeled for the children, which will double the space allotted to them. Some books in Polish have been bought and have been in constant demand. Monthly deliveries of books to the fire station, weekly publication in the local paper of lists of new books, and monthly publication of special lists on particular topics are other features of the year's activities. Electric lights have supplanted gas.

WESTMINSTER. A portrait of Mrs. Arabella R. Hager, presented by Joseph Hager, has been hung in the library. Mrs. Hager was for twenty years a valued member of the town's library committee. A lynx, captured in the town and handsomely stuffed, has been placed in the zoölogical collection.

WESTON. A new catalogue, containing and classifying the accession lists of the past eleven years, has been printed and distributed to the residents of the town. The circulation increases steadily.

WESTPORT. Westport Public Library. Owing to an increased appropriation the trustees have been able to place in the library an unabridged dictionary and a much-needed card index, besides adding more than the usual number of new books. Books helpful to children are chosen whenever possible. More shelf room is needed.

Westport Point Library. By the will of the late Charles Cuthbert Hall of New York $15,000 will be paid to the town of Westport for the founding of a library in the village of Westport Point.

A circulation of 1,491, showing a gain of nearly 11 per cent. over that for 1907, is reported. Many gifts of books and magazines have been received and 58 new names have been added to the register.

WEST SPRINGFIELD. It has been found necessary to close the shelves in the fiction department. The open-shelf system is retained in the other departments. Miss Susan Arnold has presented 50 bound volumes of "Century" and "Harper's" magazines.

WEST TISBURY. The library building has been painted. A gift of 100 volumes from the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen is a gratifying incident.

WESTWOOD. Howard Colburn, chairman of the trustees, died suddenly on Sept. 28, 1907. His liberality provided a building for the library, and the bequest of $2,000 in his will affords an income for the purchase of new books. The Eliza G. Perkins fund, originally $500, has increased to $635. The trustees propose to keep $625 as principal in the savings bank and expend the income each year in new books. A card catalogue is to be made.

WEYMOUTH. Tufts Library. The most important gift of the year was a bequest of $5,000 from the late Augustus J. Richards, former president of the trustees, the income of which is to go for new books. Redecoration of the walls and ceilings has much improved the appearance of the library. A staircase in the tower, giving an additional exit, and awnings at the reading room windows in warm weather, are other welcome improvements.

Fogg Library, South Weymouth. This library has received $50 the past summer from the Old Colony Club of South Weymouth, to be expended for books.

WHITMAN. The librarian writes: "We are now pleasantly situated in our new town hall, where we have large rooms, well lighted and heated, a great improvement over the quarters we occupied for twenty-five years or so. A second assistant has been employed since coming into the new rooms."

WILBRAHAM. In the year ended Sept. 1, 1908, 105 new books have been added, making the total 2,487; 81 new borrowers have been enrolled and 4,862 books issued for home use. In August the State donated $25 worth of new books, the selections being made by the trustees.

WILLIAMSBURG. Haydenville Public Library. "We have painted the library outside and made several minor improvements, such as flower-beds, etc."

WILLIAMSTOWN. The year's circulation, 10,146 at the main library, shows a gain of 12 per cent. over 1906. The card catalogue has been completed and the books thus made more accessible. The purchase of a book stack of 700 volumes' capacity has temporarily solved the problem of shelf room, but has rendered impossible the

providing of a reading room, which is urgently needed. The South Williamstown Library has circulated 2,329 volumes.

WINCHENDON. At the adjourned town meeting in March, 1908, Capt. T. P. Parker, secretary of the library trustees, made the unexpected announcement of the gift to the town of $25,000 by Mr. Charles L. Beals, for the erection of a public library, to bear the donor's name. The news was received with great enthusiasm, a rising vote of acceptance being unanimous. Mr. Beals is a native and life-long resident of Winchendon, a prominent business man and treasurer of the savings bank. It was announced in the last report that a site for a library building had been bought by the town, and Mr. Beals's munificence insures its erection at an early day.

WINTHROP. The book takers of the Winthrop Public Library have been newly registered during the past year, thus obtaining up-to-date information concerning the patrons of the library. The children's room has been used more than in previous years, many coming to look at books, stereographic and other pictures at the tables, as well as those who take out books for home use. The local historical collection has received most valuable additions from the estates of the late Herman Bill Tewksbury and Warren Belcher, consisting of family papers covering more than two centuries, from which many interesting facts concerning the life of the people of old Pullen Poynt are obtainable.

WOBURN. Very general repairs have been made on the building during the summer of 1908 and a number of improvements introduced into the children's department continue. The problem of having the children's department on the same floor and in the same room as the general library has been solved with success.

WORCESTER. By removing a few cases of books in the stack adjoining the children's room, a good room has been provided for the exclusive use of teachers. On shelves in this room have been placed copies of the books on the "grade lists," that is, the lists of books which have been designated by the school authorities to be read by pupils in the several grades of the schools. Here also are placed books which teachers need for their own use or in work with the children, as suitable short stories and selections of poems. Lists of books illustrative of studies in current school courses are hung on the walls, also examples of such pictures as are loaned to teachers for school use, and mimeographed copies of poems in special demand by teachers. Under the bulletin in the main room are shelves containing books giving further information on subjects illustrated on the board. Pictorial matter portraying events and places of present interest are always on exhibition in the rooms of the circulating department for adults and in the reference department. A few other changes have been made in the children's

room, such as affording easier access for little folks to the shelves and rearranging the receiving and delivering desks. An agreement is now signed by all children to take good care of books. A hive of bees has been given to the library by a friend and placed in the children's room, where it is proving a source of enjoyment and instruction. The library has been well pleased with its children's room for some time; the improvements which the new head of the department has made in it add to its interest and usefulness. The will of the late Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge, wife of Thomas H. Dodge, one of the wealthiest men in the city, contains about $90,000 in public bequests, the library being among the beneficiaries. The will was filed in the probate court in April last.

WRENTHAM. The trustees have had the lawn graded and reseeded and the interior of the building renovated. A card catalogue is being considered. The gas plant has caused some trouble and may have to be renewed.

YARMOUTH. Free Social Library, South Yarmouth. This library has what few country libraries have, a fair collection of vocal and instrumental music, musical biographies and also a collection of dramatic works, especially such as might be of interest to amateurs. Teachers have free use of as many books and for as long time as they wish, for school work. The circulation holds its own; it is largely fiction, though every means to induce readers to take more solid works is used.

THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

The following statement shows, as required by law, the expenditures by the commission for the year: —

Appropriation for aid to libraries, ...	$2,000 00
Expended for instruction and cataloguing at Colrain, Provincetown, Sudbury and Wenham, ...	$105 28
Mending books and instruction in mending in several libraries, ...	42 39
Traveling expenses, ...	20 00
Book lists to all the libraries in the State, ...	203 66
Tuition and expenses at Simmons College summer school for librarians of Dunstable, Sudbury, Tyngsborough and West Boylston, ...	234 80
Catalogue cases, cards and other library appliances for Deerfield, Dunstable, East Longmeadow, Granby, Hampden, Miller's Falls and Otis, ...	117 00
Printing, postage and expressage, ...	189 43

Books supplied to the following towns: Auburn, Bellingham, Boxborough, Gill, Goshen, Granby, Greenwich, Halifax, Hampden, Huntington, Leyden, Monterey, New Ashford, Oakham, Orleans, Sandwich, Truro, Wilbraham, . . .	$633 69
Total, ...	$1,546 25
Leaving an unexpended balance of	453 75
	$2,000 00
Appropriation for expenses, ...	$700 00
Paid from this for printing annual report, ...	$253 01
S. S. Green, traveling expenses, ...	30 56
Printing, postage and expressage, ...	109 51
Collecting and digesting material for report, ...	153 50
Total, ...	$546 58
Leaving an unexpended balance of	153 42
	$700 00

The Library Art Club.

The Library Art Club continues with increased efficiency the circulation of exhibits of photographs and other works of art. It now has a membership of 97 libraries, most of which are in Massachusetts. It owns 107 exhibits, which were circulated 1,323 times in 1908.

Woman's Education Association.

The activity of the committee on libraries of the Woman's Education Association has been continued, with constantly increasing appreciation from the small libraries which they so generously serve. The work of this committee has been intimately connected with that of the commission. Its members have consented to serve upon our board of advisory visitors, and reports of their visitations are made to the commission. The list of books recommended for purchase, especially by smaller libraries, prepared by this committee, bears evidence of great care in the selection. The commission, in the belief that it is the best guide for the purpose, now supplies this list to each free public library in the State.

This association supplies without public expense all the traveling libraries that are used in Massachusetts, and in selection, distribution and general management it covers this field with great success and utility.

The association now has 73 of these libraries, which contain 2,050 books, and the following places have derived benefit from them during the past year: —

Acushnet,
Alford,
Andover,
Annisquam,
Assonet,
Athol,
Bedford,
Bellingham,
Bernardston,
Blackstone,
Chilmark,
Colrain,
Dana,
Douglas,
Drury,
Duxbury,
East Freetown,
Farley,
Florida,
Goshen,
Halifax,
Hancock,
Hartsville,
Hawley,
Heath,
Huntington,
Hyannis,
Knightsville,
Lakeville,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Littleville,
Medfield,
Miller's Falls,
Monroe Bridge,
Monterey,
New Ashford,
New Salem,
North Chester,
North Reading,
Oakham,
Orange,
Otis,
Paxton,
Pelham,
Plainfield,
Rochester,
Rowe,
Royalston,
Russell,
Rutland,
Sandisfield,
Southampton,
South Dartmouth,
Southfield,
Stoneham,
Swift River,
Tyringham,
Wales,
Walpole,
Washington,
Webster,
Wendell,
West Cummington,
West Stockbridge,
Wheelwright,
White Oaks.

Twelve of these libraries are juvenile libraries, and fifteen are special libraries, to aid in the study of particular subjects.

Advisory Visitors.

Most efficient aid has been rendered to the commission by the board of advisory visitors, the organization of which is due to the energy and executive ability of Miss Katharine P. Loring. The commission desires to express in unmeasured terms its obligations to the ladies comprising this board for the readiness they have shown to promote the library interests of the State. This service they have voluntarily and cordially given, — a

service that nothing but their zeal and devotion to the work could command. The duties have included personal visitation to a large percentage of the smaller libraries situated in isolated and secluded portions of the State; a careful examination of everything pertaining to the library, — its location and surroundings, condition, contents, arrangements, methods, the personality and adaptability of the librarian, — in short, everything that affects the substantial usefulness of the library to the community which it is to serve. The commission, by their written reports, is kept in the closest touch with the smaller libraries, and is ready to respond promptly and intelligently to their needs. The suggestions of the visitors are of the most definite and practical character, and frequently furnish the basis for doing much good at a very slight expense. The gratitude of the commission and the State it represents is due individually to each one of these visitors for doing a work thoroughly and well which has been attempted through paid agencies in other States.

The free public library has become one of the dominant features in the social, intellectual and industrial life of this Commonwealth. It is appreciated and utilized by all classes. It ministers to the needs and the pleasure of all. It contributes to the wealth and happiness of all. It is the pride of the State that it is ministered to in such a large degree by voluntary service.

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APPENDIX I.

NAMES

OF

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

AND

NAMES OF LIBRARIANS.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NAMES OF LIBRARIANS.

Cities and Towns.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Abington,	Abington Public Library,	Helen M. Hunt.
North Abington,	North Abington Branch,	Gertrude M. Gleason.
Acton,	Acton Memorial Library,	Arthur F. Davis.
Acushnet,	Acushnet Free Public Library,	Elsie Collins.
Long Plain,	Long Plain Branch,	Mrs. Fred J. Braley.
Adams,	Adams Free Public Library,	Lucy C. Richmond.
Agawam,	Agawam Free Public Library,	Ralph Perry.
Feeding Hills,	Feeding Hills Branch,	Samuel Newell Smith.
Mittineague,	Mittineague Branch,	Julia E. Tower.
Alford,	Alford Free Town Library,	Mrs. Rachel E. Ploss.
Amesbury,	Amesbury Public Library,	Alice C. Follansbee.
Amherst,	Amherst Town Library,	Mary M. Robison.
North Amherst,	North Amherst Public Library,	Emma H. Parsons.
Andover,	Memorial Hall Library,	Edna Adelaide Brown.
Arlington,	Robbins Library,	Elizabeth Jane Newton.
Arlington Heights,	Arlington Heights Reading Room,	M. Macie Seabury.
Ashburnham,	Ashburnham Public Library,	Lona M. Davis.
Ashby,	Ashby Free Public Library,	Eliza A. Kendall.
Ashfield,	Ashfield Library Association,	Mrs. Maude Dodge.
South Ashfield,	South Ashfield Branch,	Mrs. Charles Day.
Baptist Corner,	Baptist Corner Branch,	Mildred Wait.
Ashland,	Ashland Public Library,	Mrs. Ellen M. Arnold.
Athol,	Athol Free Public Library,	Mrs. May Alice Cook.
Attleborough,	Attleborough Public Library,	Eugenia May Henry.
Auburn,	Auburn Free Public Library,	Abby Brewer Shute.
Stoneville,	Stoneville Branch,	Robert Gow.
Avon,	Avon Free Public Library,	Matthew Wilton Smith.
Ayer,	Ayer Library,	S. Adelaide Blood.
Barnstable,	Sturgis Library,	Elizabeth Crocker Nye.
Centerville,	Centerville Free Public Library Association.	Rose Alma Hallett.
Cotuit,	Cotuit Public Library,	Effie D. Burlingame.
Hyannis,	Hyannis Free Public Library Association.	Martha N. Soule, *pro tem.*
Marston's Mills,	Marston's Mills Public Library,	Lillie C. Backus.
Osterville,	Osterville Public Library,	Mrs. Mary L. Crocker.
Barre,	Barre Free Public Library,	Carrie Emily Read.
South Barre,	South Barre Branch,	G. Garfield Glass.
Barre Plains,	Barre Plains Branch,	Ladies' Aid Society members.
Becket,	Becket Athenæum,	Mrs. Eliza Millard.
Bedford,	Bedford Free Public Library,	Fannie A. Wood.
Belchertown,	Clapp Memorial Library,	Lydia A. Barton.
Bellingham,	Bellingham Free Public Library,	Bertha Franklin.
Caryville,	Caryville Branch,	Mrs. Mary S. Wright.
North Bellingham,	North Bellingham Branch,	Mrs. Mary Hawes.
South Bellingham,	South Bellingham Branch,	Mrs. Alice Burr.
Rakeville,	Rakeville Branch,	Mrs. Olive Cook.
Crooks Corner,	Crooks Corner Branch,	Esther Staples.

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Cities and Towns.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Belmont,	Belmont Public Library,	Florence E. Whitcher.
Berkley,	Berkley Public Library,	Julia R. Burt.
Berlin,	Berlin Free Public Library,	Alice E. Babcock.
South Berlin,	South Berlin Branch,	Harry Fay.
Bernardston,	Cushman Library,	Nettie T. Davis.
Beverly,	Beverly Public Library,	Martha Putnam Smith.
Beverly Farms,	Beverly Farms Branch,	Lillian A. Culbert.
North Beverly,	North Beverly Deposit,	Benjamin W. Roberts.
Billerica,	Bennett Public Library,	Emma M. Whitford.
North Billerica,	Talbot Library,	Lillie Bottomley.
Blackstone,	Blackstone Public Library,	Timothy E. Curran.
Blandford,	Porter Memorial Library,	Mrs. Francis E. T. de Braal.
North Blandford,	North Blandford Branch,	Mrs. Howard C. Waite.
Bolton,	Bolton Public Library,	Fidelia C. Newton.
Boston,	Public Library of the City of Boston,	Horace G. Wadlin.
Brighton,	Brighton Branch,	Louise Prouty.
Charlestown,	Charlestown Branch,	Elizabeth F. Cartée.
Dorchester,	Dorchester Branch,	Mrs. Elizabeth T. Reed.
East Boston,	East Boston Branch,	Ellen O. Walkley.
Jamaica Plain,	Jamaica Plain Branch,	Mary P. Swain.
Roxbury,	Roxbury Branch,	Helen M. Bell.
South Boston,	South Boston Branch,	Alice M. Robinson.
South End,	South End Branch,	Margaret A. Sheridan.
Upham's Corner,	Upham's Corner Branch,	Mary L. Brick.
West End,	West End Branch,	Mrs. Eliza R. Davis.
West Roxbury,	West Roxbury Branch,	Carrie L. Morse.
Bourne,	Jonathan Bourne Public Library,	Mrs. Edith Florence Nickerson.
Sagamore,	Sagamore Branch,	Ida Nye.
Bournedale,	Bournedale Branch,	Mrs. Albert Holway.
Monument Beach,	Monument Beach Branch,	Mrs. F. E. Babcock.
Pocasset,	Pocasset Branch,	Mrs. Nathan Phinney.
Cataumet,	Cataumet Branch,	Mrs. Frank Irwin.
Boxborough,	Boxborough Free Public Library,	Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins.
Boxford,	Boxford Public Library,	Mary Sawyer; Bessie Cleaveland.
West Boxford,	West Boxford Public Library,	Nellie Spofford.
Boylston,	Boylston Public Library,	George L. Wright.
Braintree,	Thayer Public Library,	Caroline M. Wilkinson.
Brewster,	Brewster Ladies' Library Association.	Alma Rogers.
Bridgewater,	Bridgewater Public Library,	Lucia Leach Christian.
Brimfield,	Brimfield Public Library,	Mary Anna Tarbell.
Brockton,	Brockton Public Library,	Frank Hayden Whitmore.
Campello,	Campello Branch,	Wealthy A. Holmes.
Montello,	Montello Branch,	Mrs. Abbie L. Curtis.
Brookfield,	Merrick Public Library,	Eliza R. Hobbs.
East Brookfield,	East Brookfield Branch,	Bertha Doubleday.
Brookline,	Public Library of Brookline,	Louisa M. Hooper.
Buckland,	Buckland Public Church Library,	Mrs. Ida S. Trow.
Burlington,	Burlington Public Library,	Florence Isabell Foster.
Cambridge,	Cambridge Public Library,	Clarence Walter Ayer.
East Cambridge,	East Cambridge Branch,	Mary Agnes Curtis.
North Cambridge,	North Cambridge Branch,	Ellen Magdalene Hayes.
Canton,	Canton Public Library,	Mrs. Lucy D. Downes.
Carlisle,	Gleason Public Library,	Mrs. Mary A. Green.

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Cities and Towns.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Carver,	Carver Public Library,	Mrs. Bernice Esther Barrows.
South Carver,	South Carver Branch,	Ethel Nash,
East Carver,	East Carver Branch,	Mrs. Elizabeth Drew.
West Carver,	West Carver Branch,	Mrs. Blanche E. Holmes.
Bates Pond,	Bates Pond Branch,	Mary McConnell.
North Carver,	North Carver Branch,	Francelia B. Dunham.
Charlemont,	Charlemont Free Library,	Juliet Bacon Smith.
Charlton,	Charlton Free Public Library,	Ruth P. Wakefield.
Chatham,	Eldredge Public Library,	Mrs. Florence Howes Bond.
Chelmsford,	Adams Library,	Mrs. Luella H. Clark.
North Chelmsford,	North Chelmsford Library Association.	Anna Campbell Mackay.
Chelsea,	Fitz Public Library,	Medora Jennett Simpson.
Cheshire,	Cheshire Library Association,	Emma E. Martin.
Chester,	Chester Free Public Library,	Mary Laura Pomeroy.
Chesterfield,	Chesterfield Town Library,	James D. Stall.
West Chesterfield,	West Chesterfield Branch,	Mrs. Gilbert B. Healy.
Chicopee,	Chicopee City Library,	Anne Alcott Smith.
Chicopee Falls,	Chicopee Falls Branch,	Eleanor Emma Gorton.
Willimansett,	Willimansett Branch,	Mrs. Anna R. Kidder.
Chilmark,	Chilmark Free Library,	Leona B. Mitchell.
Clarksburg,	Clarksburg Public Library,	Robert S. McKay.
Briggsville,	Briggsville Branch,	Louvain J. Bowen.
Houghtonville,	Houghtonville Branch.	Harry L. Smith.
Clinton,	Bigelow Free Public Library,	Charlotte L. Greene.
Cohasset,	Paul Pratt Memorial Library,	Sarah B. Collier.
Colrain,	Griswold Memorial Library,	Mrs. Katherine Holton Cram.
Christian Hill,	Christian Hill Branch,	Mrs. O. H. Taylor.
Concord,	Concord Free Public Library,	Helen Whitney Kelley.
Conway,	Field Memorial Library,	Margaret Frances Sikes.
Cummington,	Bryant Free Library,	Mrs. Lottie W. Tower.
Dalton,	Dalton Free Public Library,	Mrs. Minnie E. Davison.
Dalton, South,	South Branch,	Minnie M. Kirchner.
Dana,	Dana Centre Public Library,	Mrs. Susan E. Stevens.
North Dana,	North Dana Public Library,	Grace A. Haskins.
Danvers,	Peabody Institute Library,	Mrs. Emilie D. Patch.
Dartmouth,	Dartmouth Free Public Library,	Mary A. Tucker.
South Dartmouth,	Southworth Library,	Theodosia Potter Chase.
North Dartmouth,	North Dartmouth Free Public Library.	Mabel Whalon Cornell.
Dedham,	Dedham Public Library,	Frances M. Mann.
Oakdale,	Oakdale Branch,	Rachel Valentine.
East Dedham,	East Dedham Branch,	Nellie F. Riley.
Deerfield,	Dickinson Library,	Mrs. Augusta Barber Lamb.
South Deerfield,	South Deerfield Town Library,	Martha A. Pierce.
Deerfield,	Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library.	George Sheldon.
Dennis,	Jacob Sears Memorial Library,	Mrs. Nathan Sears.
Dighton,	Dighton Free Public Library,	Helen Holmes Lane.
Douglas,	Simon Fairfield Public Library,	Vera Helen Warner.
Dover,	Dover Town Library,	Elizabeth Frances Heard.
First Parish,	Barden Library,	Charles William Plympton.
Dracut,	Dracut Public Library,	Mrs. Mary L. Hamblett.

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Dudley,	Dudley Free Public Library,	Caroline Elizabeth Easterbrook.
Dunstable,	Dunstable Free Public Library,	Mrs. Lizzie A. Swallow.
Duxbury,	Duxbury Free Library,	Sara B. Higgins.
East Bridgewater,	East Bridgewater Public Library,	Lucy Loring Siddall.
Eastham,	Eastham Public Library,	Mrs. Herbert C. Clark.
Easthampton,	Public Library Association,	Dorcas Chapin Miller.
East Longmeadow,	E. Longmeadow Public Library,	Mary R. McIntosh.
Easton,	Ames Free Library,	Mary Lavinia Lamprey.
Edgartown,	Edgartown Free Public Library,	Eunice Coffin Ripley.
Egremont,	Egremont Free Library,	Mrs. R. Hoyt Brown.
North Egremont,	North Egremont Branch,	Mrs. Dwight L. Stillman.
West Egremont,	West Egremont Branch,	Mrs. George W. Smith.
Enfield,	Enfield Library Association,	Ada L. Harwood.
Erving,	Erving Free Public Library,	Mrs. W. G. Walkup.
Miller's Falls,	Miller's Falls Branch,	A. W. Butman.
Essex,	T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library,	Ethelyn B. Story.
Everett,	Frederick E. Parlin Memorial Library.	Ellen Louisa Johnson.
East Everett,	Shute Memorial Library,	Edna Lillian Carter.
Fairhaven,	The Millicent Library,	Drew B. Hall.
Fall River,	Fall River Public Library,	George W. Rankin.
Falmouth,	Falmouth Free Public Library,	Pamelia Frances Robbins.
West Falmouth,	West Falmouth Library,	Albert S. Bowerman.
Woods Hole,	Woods Hole Social Library,	Philips Brooks Wilde.
Fitchburg,	Public Library of Fitchburg,	George Edward Nutting.
Florida,	Florida Free Public Library,	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Whitcomb.
Foxborough,	Boyden Library,	Mary D. Torrey.
Framingham,	Framingham Town Library,	Emma Leonore Clarke.
Franklin,	Franklin Library Association,	Mrs. Ella G. Campbell.
Franklin,	Ray Memorial Room,	Mrs. Helen J. Hurd.
Freetown,	Guilford H. Hathaway Library,	Helen W. Winslow.
East Freetown,	East Freetown Circulating Library,	Elizabeth W. Lawrence.
Gardner,	Levi Heywood Memorial Library,	Jennie L. Knight.
Gay Head,	Gay Head Public Library,	Marolla N. Rodman.
Georgetown,	Georgetown Peabody Library,	Sara T. Noyes.
Gill,	Gill Free Public Library,	Otis F. Hale.
Riverside,	Riverside Branch,	Frank D. Jones.
Gloucester,	Sawyer Free Library,	Rachel Sawyer Webber.
Gloucester,	Free City Library,	Isabel Anne Murphy.
Magnolia,	Magnolia Public Library,	Mrs. Joseph Sargent, Jr.
Annisquam,	Village Hall Library,	Helen Lane, *Chairman.*
Goshen,	Goshen Free Public Library,	John J. Nicholson.
Gosnold,	Gosnold Free Public Library,	Mrs. Bertha L. Stetson.
Grafton,	Grafton Public Library,	Mabel L. Howe.
Granby,	Granby Free Public Library,	Cora H. Kellogg.
Granville,	Granville Public Library,	Mabel H. Root.
Granville Center,	Granville Center Branch,	Henry D. Colton.
West Granville,	West Granville Branch,	Joseph Welch.
Great Barrington,	Great Barrington Free Library,	Emma Woodruff Sheldon.
Housatonic,	Ramsdell Public Library,	Lydia A. Fuller.
Greenfield,	Greenfield Public Library,	May Ashley.
Greenfield,	Greenfield Library Association,	Almeda Burnett Robbins.
Greenwich,	Greenwich Public Library,	Helen Irene Nevins.
Groton,	Groton Public Library,	Emma F. Blood.
Groveland,	Groveland Public Library,	Louise Florence Cammett.
South Groveland,	Hale Library,	Edward L. Sides.

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Hadley,	Hadley Free Library,	George C. Marsh.
North Hadley,	North Hadley Branch,	O. W. Prouty.
Halifax,	Holmes Public Library,	James T. Thomas.
Hamilton,	Hamilton Public Library,	Mrs. Grace C. Stone.
Hampden,	Hampden Free Public Library,	Mrs. John Q. Adams.
Hancock,	Hancock Public Library,	Annie Hadselle Morey.
North Hancock,	North Hancock Branch,	Sarah A. Gardner.
Hanover,	John Curtis Free Library,	Bessie Sproul.
Hanson, *South,*	Hanson Public Library, *South,*	Mrs. Abbie F. Phillips.
Hanson, *North,*	Hanson Public Library, *North,*	Mary J. Drew.
New State,	New State Branch,	Mrs. Mary F. Bates.
Maquan,	Maquan Branch,	Lucy J. Bryant.
North Hanson,	Hanson Library Association,	Mary J. Drew.
Hardwick,	Paige Memorial Library,	Nettie C. Bridges.
Gilbertville,	Gilbertville Public Library,	Andrew Bacher.
Harvard,	Harvard Public Library,	Estelle E. Willard.
Harwich,	Broadbrooks Free Library,	Lulu B. Tobey.
West Harwich,	Chase Library,	Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson.
Hatfield,	Hatfield Public Library,	Chester M. Barton.
Haverhill,	Haverhill Public Library,	John Grant Moulton.
Washington Square,	Washington Square Branch,	Martha E. Barrows and Grace L. Hatch.
Ayer's Village,	Ayer's Village Branch,	Edwin M. Haseltine.
Rocks Village,	Rocks Village Branch,	A. Pearl Sawyer.
Bradford,	Bradford Branch,	Annie F. Sawyer.
Hawley,	Hawley Public Library,	Albert F. Sears.
West Hawley,	West Hawley Branch,	Mrs. Delia F. Vincent.
East Hawley,	East Hawley Branch,	Julia E. Harmon.
Bozrah,	Bozrah Branch,	Mrs. Sarah Scott.
Heath,	Heath Free Public Library,	Henry Kirk Smith.
Hingham,	Hingham Public Library,	Albert L. Stephenson.
Nantasket,	Nantasket Library,	Mary Wentworth Clark.
Hinsdale,	Hinsdale Public Library Association.	Alden H. Pierce.
Holbrook,	Holbrook Public Library,	Zenas Aaron French.
Holden,	Gale Free Library,	Mrs. Addie M. Holden.
Jefferson,	Jefferson Branch,	K. A. Dowd.
Holland,	Holland Free Public Library,	Delia M. Blodgett.
Holliston,	Holliston Public Library,	Josephine E. Rockwood.
Holyoke,	Holyoke Public Library,	Frank Grenell Willcox.
Hopedale,	Bancroft Memorial Library,	Harriet B. Sornborger.
Hopkinton,	Hopkinton Public Library,	Effie L. Woods.
Hubbardston,	Hubbardston Free Public Library,	Lucy Harriet Grimes.
Hudson,	Hudson Public Library,	Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore.
Hull,	Hull Village Library,	Mrs. A. B. Mitchell, Mrs. E. G. Knight, Mrs. F. W. Vogell.
Huntington,	Huntington Free Public Library,	Mrs. Adeline E. Munson.
Norwich Hill,	Norwich Hill Branch,	Mrs. Walter Hendrick.
Knightville,	Knightville Branch,	Clarence E. Bates.
Hyde Park,	Hyde Park Public Library,	Elizabeth Ainsworth.
Readville,	Readville Branch,	Henry M. Dean, Jr.
Ipswich,	Ipswich Free Public Library,	Mrs. Mary Butler Maine.
Kingston,	Frederic C. Adams Public Library,	Mrs. Jennie F. McLauthlen.
Lakeville,	Lakeville Free Public Library,	Mary Luella Nelson.
North Lakeville,	North Branch,	Mrs. William F. Harlow.
South Lakeville,	South Branch,	Mrs. Jerusha Washburn.

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Lancaster,	Lancaster Town Library,	Virginia M. Keyes.
Lanesborough,	Lanesborough Town Library,	Mabel J. Rhinehart.
Lawrence,	Lawrence Free Public Library,	William A. Walsh.
South Lawrence,	South Lawrence Branch,	– –
Lee,	Lee Public Library,	Mary Stallman.
Leicester,	Leicester Public Library,	Phebe Chandler Johnson.
Greenville,	Copeland Memorial Library,	Rev. Henry Schwab.
Rochdale,	Rochdale Branch,	Mrs. Arthur Woodhead.
Cherry Valley,	Cherry Valley Branch,	Phebe Chandler Johnson.
Lenox,	Lenox Library Association,	Anna Louise White.
Leominster,	Leominster Public Library,	Florence Ethel Wheeler.
Leverett,	Leverett Free Public Library,	Ray Taylor.
Hillsborough,	Hillsborough Branch,	Mrs. Etta Ball.
Moore's Corner,	Moore's Corner Branch,	Mrs. Nellie B. Bourne.
North Leverett,	North Leverett Free Public Library,	Edith Ella Fisk.
Lexington,	Cary Memorial Library,	Marian P. Kirkland.
East Lexington,	East Lexington Branch,	Emma Ostrom Nichols.
Leyden,	Leyden Free Public Library,	Belknap Severance.
Lincoln,	Lincoln Public Library,	Lydia J. Chapin.
Littleton,	Reuben Hoar Library,	Mrs. Adelia M. Parker.
Longmeadow,	Longmeadow Town Library,	Mrs. Katharine C. Gates.
Lowell,	City Library of Lowell,	Frederick A. Chase.
Ludlow,	Hubbard Memorial Library,	Edith H. Crowninshield.
Lunenburg,	Lunenburg Public Library,	L. Frances Jones.
Lynn,	Lynn Free Public Library,	Harriet Louise Matthews.
Lynnfield,	Lynnfield Public Library,	Elizabeth W. Green.
Malden,	Malden Public Library,	Lizzie Annie Williams.
Manchester,	Manchester Public Library,	Delucena Lothrop Bingham.
Mansfield,	Mansfield Public Library,	Ida Frances Hodges.
Marblehead,	Abbot Public Library,	Mrs. Sarah E. Gregory.
Marion,	Marion Library Association,	Alice Austin Ryder.
Marlborough,	Marlborough Public Library,	Sarah E. Cotting.
Robin Hill,	Robin Hill Improvement Society,	Luelie E. Ayers.
Marshfield,	Ventress Free Library,	Josephine A. Baker.
Marshfield Hills,	Clift Rodgers Free Library,	Jennie Lincoln Ford.
Mashpee,	Mashpee Free Public Library,	Clara N. Collins.
South Mashpee,	South Mashpee Branch,	Mrs. Adeline Mills.
Mattapoisett,	Mattapoisett Free Public Library,	Clara F. Sherman.
Maynard,	Maynard Public Library,	Mrs. Sarah Frances Nyman.
Medfield,	Medfield Public Library,	Lucretia M. Johnson.
Medford,	Medford Public Library,	Mary E. Sargent.
Medway, West,	Medway Free Public Library,	Mrs. Anna Fales.
Medway Village,	Dean Library,	Bertha C. Newell.
Melrose,	Melrose Public Library,	Carrie Mowatt Worthen.
Mendon,	Taft Public Library,	Mrs. Lena Williams George.
Merrimac,	Merrimac Public Library,	Louise C. Brackett.
Methuen,	Nevins Memorial Library,	Harriet L. Crosby.
Middleborough,	Middleborough Public Library,	Alice Morton Alden.
Middlefield,	Middlefield Public Library,	Kate W. Smith.
Middleton,	Flint Public Library,	Samuel A. Fletcher.
Milford,	Milford Town Library,	Nathaniel F. Blake.
Millbury,	Millbury Town Library,	Carolyn C. Waters.
Millis,	Millis Public Library,	Mary C. Fuller.
Milton,	Milton Public Library,	Gertrude Emmons Forrest.
East Milton,	East Milton Reading Room,	Josephine M. Babcock.
Mattapan,	Mattapan Reading Room,	Ellen F. Vose.
Russell,	Russell Reading Room,	Jennie W. Kennedy.

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Monroe,	Monroe Free Public Library,	Lillian Adelaide Gordon.
Monroe Bridge,	Monroe Bridge Branch,	Mrs. W. J. Ellis.
Monson,	Monson Free Library,	Nellie F. Squier.
Montague,	Montague Public Library,	Kate A. Armstrong.
Miller's Falls,	Miller's Falls Branch,	Jessie Estella Johnson.
Turner's Falls,	Carnegie Public Library,	Anna Olivia Batson.
Monterey,	Monterey Free Library,	Mrs. Hattie B. Bills.
Montgomery,	Montgomery Free Public Library,	Mrs. D. L. Allyn.
Mount Washington,	Mount Washington Free Library,	– –
Nahant,	Nahant Public Library,	May W. Perkins.
Nantucket,	Nantucket Athenæum,	Clara Parker.
Natick,	Morse Institute Library,	Mira Roselle Partridge.
South Natick,	Bacon Free Library,	Mrs. Adelaide Williams.
Needham,	Needham Free Public Library,	Ella R. McDowell.
Needham Heights,	Needham Heights Branch,	Pauline Coppinger.
New Ashford,	New Ashford Public Library,	Charles W. Sherman.
New Bedford,	Free Public Library of New Bedford,	George H. Tripp.
North District,	North Branch,	William Brown.
South District,	South Branch,	Robert Allen.
West District,	West Branch,	Mary E. Brown.
New Braintree,	New Braintree Free Public Library,	Carrie Frances Bush.
Newburyport,	Newburyport Public Library,	John D. Parsons.
South Newburyport,	South End Reading Room,	Frances G. Gould.
New Marlborough,	New Marlborough Free Library,	Jennie Pomeroy Lockwood.
Mill River,	Mill River Branch,	Mrs. W. R. Fields.
Clayton,	Clayton Branch,	Mrs. Flora McIntyre.
Hartsville,	Hartsville Branch,	Mrs. Lura A. Doncaster.
Southfield,	Southfield Branch,	Kate L. Baldwin.
Southfield,	Seymour Library Association,	Kate L. Baldwin.
New Salem,	New Salem Free Public Library,	Bertha Ella Billings.
North New Salem,	North New Salem Branch,	Mrs. E. D. Andrews.
Cooleyville,	Cooleyville Branch,	Edmund F. Freeman.
North Prescott,	North Prescott Branch,	Mrs. M. F. Bacon.
Millington,	Millington Branch,	Mrs. Albert Ballard.
Newton,	Newton Free Library,	Elizabeth P. Thurston.
Auburndale,	Auburndale Branch,	Annie E. Bunker.
Newton Center,	Newton Center Branch,	Julia C. Henshaw.
Newton Upper Falls,	Newton Upper Falls Branch,	Mary E. Barnard.
West Newton,	West Newton Branch,	Helen Wheeler.
Nonantum,	Nonantum Branch,	Katharine A. Hodgdon.
Newtonville,	Newtonville Branch,	Carrie L. Williams.
Newton Highlands,	Newton Highlands Branch,	Mabel A. Singleton.
Norfolk,	Norfolk Public Library,	Walter L. Sykes.
North Adams,	North Adams Public Library,	Mabel Temple.
Blackinton,	Oscar A. Archer Branch,	Gladys Hughes.
Braytonville,	Braytonville Branch,	Mrs. Ella Lillie.
Houghtonville,	Houghtonville Branch,	Janet M. Henderson.
Beaver,	Beaver Branch,	May Hurlbut.
North Andover,	Stevens Memorial Library,	Elizabeth Maltby Pond.
North Attleborough,	Richards Memorial Library,	Ada Maria Perry.
North Brookfield,	North Brookfield Free Public Library and Reading Room.	Nellie L. Smith.
North Reading,	Flint Library,	Addie W. Gowing.
Northampton,	Northampton Public Library,	Sarah D. Kellogg.
Florence,	Lilly Library,	Matilda P. Schwarz.
Northampton,	Forbes Library,	William Parker Cutter.

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Northborough,	Northborough Free Library,	Mary Evelyn Potter.
Northbridge,	Whitinsville Social Library,	Mrs. William H. Fuller.
Northfield,	Dickinson Memorial Library,	Mrs. C. A. Randall.
Norton,	Norton Public Library,	Emily A. Titus.
Norwell,	James Library,	Joseph F. Merritt.
Norwood,	Morrill Memorial Library,	Jane Atherton Hewett.
Oak Bluffs,	Oak Bluffs Free Public Library,	Adéle Preble.
Oakham,	Oakham Free Public Library,	Frank E. Davis.
Orange,	Orange Public Library,	N. Gertrude Hendrickson.
North Orange,	North Orange Branch,	Mrs. Sara E. Rich.
Orleans,	Snow Library,	Hiram Myers.
Otis,	Otis Free Public Library,	Retta Downs.
Oxford,	Oxford Free Public Library,	Mrs. Clara A. Fuller.
North Oxford,	North Oxford Branch,	Nellie M. Tolman.
Palmer,	Young Men's Library Association,	Lee T. Gray.
Paxton,	Paxton Free Public Library,	Rena Robinson.
Peabody,	Peabody Institute Library,	Lyman P. Osborn.
Peabody,	Eber Dale Sutton Reference Library.	Frances M. Carroll.
Pelham,	Pelham Free Public Library,	Mary A. Keith.
Pembroke,	Pembroke Free Library,	Florence B. Cox.
Bryantville,	Cobb Library,	Mrs. Julia W. Morton.
Pepperell,	Lawrence Library,	Mrs. Mary Frances Shattuck.
Peru,	Free Public Library of Peru,	Mrs. Josephine J. D. Barden.
Petersham,	Petersham Memorial Library,	Fannie Gordon Prince.
Phillipston,	Phillips Free Public Library,	Mrs. Flora V. Danforth.
Pittsfield,	Berkshire Athenæum,	Harlan Hoge Ballard.
Plainfield,	Plainfield Public Library,	Anna M. King.
Plainville,	Plainville Public Library,	James H. Shannon.
Plymouth,	Plymouth Public Library,	Nellie Thomas.
North Plymouth,	Loring Reading Room,	Alice Crane.
Plympton,	Plympton Free Public Library,	John Sherman.
Prescott,	Prescott Free Public Library,	Mrs. Frank A. Griswold.
East District,	East Branch,	Mrs. L. Flora Brown.
Hill District,	Hill Branch,	Eva L. Wendemuth.
Princeton,	Princeton Public Library,	Susan A. Davis.
Provincetown,	Provincetown Public Library,	Abbie Cook Putnam.
Quincy,	Thomas Crane Public Library,	Alice Grace White.
Randolph,	Turner Free Library,	Charles Chittenden Farnham.
Raynham,	Raynham Public Library,	Lucy W. Thompson.
North Raynham,	North Raynham Library Association.	– –
Reading,	Reading Public Library,	Bertha L. Brown.
Rehoboth,	Blanding Library,	William H. Marvell.
Revere,	Revere Public Library,	Harriet T. Fenno.
Richmond,	Richmond Free Public Library,	Mrs. Abbie E. Barnes.
Rochester,	Rochester Free Public Library,	Mrs. Anne T. Wilbur.
Rockland,	Rockland Memorial Library,	Angela W. Collins.
Rockport,	Rockport Public Library,	Elsie M. Dann.
Pigeon Cove,	Pigeon Cove Library,	Martha D. Fretch.
Rowe,	Rowe Town Library,	Mrs. Alice E. Newell.
Rowley,	Rowley Free Public Library,	Mrs. Catherine N. Mighill.

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Cities and Towns.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Royalston,	Royalston Public Library,	Mrs. Emeline E. Mackenzie.
Russell,	Russell Public Library,	Mrs. Minnie B. Parks.
Woronoco,	Woronoco Branch,	Louise Weatherwax.
Russell Mountain,	Russell Mountain Branch,	Mrs. C. J. Thompson.
Rutland,	Rutland Free Public Library,	Mrs. Martha L. Prouty.
Salem,	Salem Public Library,	Gardner Maynard Jones.
Salisbury,	Salisbury Public Library,	Alice R. Currier.
Sandisfield,	Sandisfield Public Library,	M. Belle Claflin.
Sandwich,	Sandwich Free Public Library,	Annie Adele Rogers.
East Sandwich,	East Sandwich Branch,	Mrs. Abbie M. Holway.
Saugus,	Saugus Free Public Library,	Emma Elizabeth Newhall.
Savoy,	Savoy Free Public Library,	William F. Briggs.
Scituate,	Satuit Library,	Edith A. Manson.
North Scituate,	Peirce Memorial Library,	Mrs. Mary L. Lee.
Seekonk,	Seekonk Public Library,	Edna Lane Paull.
Sharon,	Sharon Public Library,	Emma A. Baker.
Sheffield,	Sheffield Free Town Library,	Mrs. Gertrude Suydam Gleason.
Shelburne,	Shelburne Public Library,	Mercy A. Anderson.
Shelburne Falls,	Arms Public Library,	Charles P. Hall.
Sherborn,	Sherborn Town Library,	M. Nellie Clark.
Shirley,	Shirley Public Library,	Mrs. Alice Livermore Wright.
Shrewsbury,	Shrewsbury Free Public Library,	Mabel E. Knowlton.
Shutesbury,	M. N. Spear Memorial Library,	Mary L. Clark.
Somerset,	Somerset Free Public Library,	Fannie Bosworth Melvin.
Somerville,	Somerville Public Library,	Sam Walter Foss.
West Somerville,	West Somerville Branch,	Nellie M. Whipple, *Supt.*
South Hadley,	Gaylord Memorial Library,	Rebecca Frances Smith.
South Hadley Falls,	South Hadley Free Public Library,	Lottie Ingraham Judd.
Southampton,	Southampton Public Library,	Eva M. Gridley.
Southborough,	Fay Library,	Francena E. Buck.
Southbridge,	Southbridge Public Library,	Ella E. Miersch.
Southwick,	Southwick Public Library,	Wilder Bennett Harding.
Spencer,	Richard Sugden Public Library,	Alice Wakefield Curtis.
Springfield,	City Library Association of Springfield.	Hiller Crowell Wellman.
Indian Orchard,	Indian Orchard Branch,	Nellie E. Dodge.
Ferry Street,	Ferry Street Branch,	Bessie Amsden.
Forest Park,	Forest Park Branch,	Minnie B. Cotter.
Sterling,	Sterling Free Public Library,	Mary Dandridge Peck.
Stockbridge,	Stockbridge Library Association,	Caroline P. Wells.
Glendale,	Glendale Branch,	Mrs. Jerome Bartlett.
Interlaken,	Interlaken Branch,	Stephen C. Burghardt.
Stoneham,	Stoneham Public Library,	Mrs. H. Marilla Boyce.
Stoughton,	Stoughton Public Library,	M. Alice Burnham.
Stow,	Randall Memorial Library,	Mrs. Susan M. Lawrence.
Sturbridge,	Joshua Hyde Public Library,	Mrs. Horace M. Locke.
Sudbury,	Goodnow Library,	Mrs. Alice E. Rice.
Sunderland,	Sunderland Public Library,	Abbie T. Montague.
Sutton,	Sutton Free Library,	Sarah M. Mills.
Manchaug,	Manchaug Branch,	Francis Truscott.
South Sutton,	South Sutton Branch,	Mrs. Mary Littlefield.
West Sutton,	West Sutton Branch,	— —
Wilkinsonville,	Wilkinsonville Branch,	Arthur Merrill.

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Cities and Towns.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Swampscott,	Swampscott Free Public Library,	Sarah Louise Honors.
Swansea,	Swansea Free Public Library,	Julia R. Wellington.
Taunton,	Taunton Public Library,	Joshua Eddy Crane.
Templeton,	Boynton Public Library,	Grace E. Blodgett.
Tewksbury,	Tewksbury Public Library,	Abbie M. Blaisdell.
Tisbury,	Vineyard Haven Public Library,	Mabel T. Tilton.
Tolland,	Tolland Free Public Library,	Wilbert Munn.
Topsfield,	Topsfield Town Library,	Annie Perkins Gleason.
Townsend,	Townsend Public Library,	Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren.
Truro,	Truro Town Library,	Mrs. Laurena A. Ryder.
North Truro,	North Truro Branch,	Mrs. Elizabeth B. Small.
South Truro,	South Truro Branch,	Allison B. Cobb.
Tyngsborough,	Littlefield Library,	Ellen Lydia Perham.
Tyringham,	Tyringham Public Library,	John A. Scott.
Upton,	Upton Town Library,	Mrs. Laura Copeland Sadler.
Uxbridge,	Uxbridge Free Public Library,	Beatrice Putnam.
Wakefield,	Beebe Town Library,	Mrs. Harriet A. Shepard.
Greenwood,	Greenwood Branch,	H. Gertrude Lee.
Wales,	Wales Public Library,	Leon Herbert Thompson.
Walpole,	Walpole Public Library,	Ida J. Phelps.
East Walpole,	East Walpole Branch,	– –
Waltham,	Waltham Public Library,	Harold Taylor Dougherty.
Ware,	Young Men's Library Association,	Harriet B. Hayden.
Wareham,	Wareham Free Library,	Alexina P. Burgess.
Warren,	Warren Public Library,	Joseph Gilbert Hastings.
Warwick,	Warwick Free Library,	Clara A. Jones.
Watertown,	Free Public Library,	Solon Franklin Whitney.
Wayland,	Wayland Free Public Library,	Margaret E. Wheeler.
Cochituate,	Cochituate Branch,	Mrs. Grace Loker.
Webster,	Webster Free Public Library,	Mrs. Phœbe Palmer Kingsbury.
Wellesley,	Wellesley Free Library,	Florence May Osborne.
Wellfleet,	Wellfleet Public Library,	Mrs. Kate E. Brown.
Wendell,	Wendell Free Library,	Mrs. Marion E. Whitney.
Farley,	Farley Branch,	Ethel Farley.
Wenham,	Wenham Public Library,	Benjamin H. Conant.
Westborough,	Westborough Public Library,	Mrs. Nellie F. Smith.
West Boylston,	West Boylston Public Library,	Annie Mabel Waite.
West Bridgewater,	West Bridgewater Public Library,	Mary L. Perkins.
West Brookfield,	Merriam Public Library,	Mary P. Foster.
Westfield,	Westfield Athenæum,	George L. Lewis.
Pochassic,	Pochassic Branch,	Alice E. Perry.
Westford,	J. V. Fletcher Library,	Mary P. Bunce.
Westhampton,	Westhampton Reunion Town Library.	George E. Knight.
Westminster,	Forbush Memorial Library,	Sadie F. Greene.
West Newbury,	West Newbury Public Library,	Caroline Carr.
First Parish,	First Parish Branch,	Mrs. Isabel E. Kennett.
Westport,	Westport Free Public Library,	Annie R. Howland.
Horseneck,	Horseneck Branch,	Mrs. Ella Tuell.
Head of Westport,	Westport Public Library,	Edward W. Burt, M.D.
South Westport,	South Westport Branch,	Mrs. Mary B. Gifford.
Westport Point,	Westport Point Library,	Mary Casilda Cory.
West Springfield,	West Springfield Public Library,	Daniel G. White.
West Stockbridge,	West Stockbridge Free Library,	Frances J. Edwards.
West Stockbridge Centre.	Centre Branch,	Fabian Petitt.

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Cities and Towns.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
West Tisbury,	West Tisbury Free Public Library,	Mrs. Johnson Whiting.
Weston,	Weston Public Library,	Maude M. Pennock.
Westwood,	Westwood Public Library,	Annie L. Richardson.
Weymouth,	Tufts Library,	Abbie Louisa Loud.
South Weymouth,	Fogg Library,	Ruth N. Tower.
Whately,	Whately Public Library,	Arlene Isabelle Root.
Whitman,	Whitman Public Library,	Ellena Salisbury Spilsted.
Wilbraham,	Free Public Library,	Eunice M. Bates.
Williamsburg,	Meekins Memorial Library,	Myra A. Hill.
Haydenville,	Haydenville Public Library,	Thomas H. Ives.
Williamstown,	Williamstown Public Library,	Lucy F. Curtis.
South Williamstown,	South Williamstown Public Library,	Mrs. Lucy Torrey Sanford.
Wilmington,	Wilmington Public Library,	Anna Tolman Sheldon.
Winchendon,	Winchendon Public Library,	Mrs. Sylvia M. Manzer.
Winchester,	Winchester Public Library,	Cora Ardelle Quimby
Windsor,	Windsor Free Public Library,	Laura A. Miner.
Winthrop,	Winthrop Public Library,	Alice A. Munday.
Woburn,	Woburn Public Library,	William R. Cutter.
North Woburn,	Eunice Thompson Memorial Library.	Mrs. Mary Walker Carter.
Worcester,	Free Public Library of the City of Worcester.	Samuel Swett Green.
Worthington,	Worthington Free Library,	Katharine McDowell Rice.
Wrentham,	Fiske Public Library,	Mary Adelaide Smith.
Yarmouth,	Yarmouth Library Association,	Mrs. Lydia C. Matthews.
South Yarmouth,	Free Social Library,	Irma Farris.
West Yarmouth,	West Yarmouth Library,	Mrs. Maria Taylor.

APPENDIX II.

A ROLL OF HONOR.

LIST OF GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Acton,	Gift of Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
Amesbury,	Bequest of Mary A. Barnard and others.
Amherst, North,	Mainly the gift of citizens.
Andover,	Gift of citizens.
Arlington,	Gift of Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her husband.
Ashburnham,	Gift of George F. Stevens.
Ashby,	Gift of Edwin Chapman of Boston.
Ashland,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Athol,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Attleborough,	Gift of citizens.
Ayer,	Gift of Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
Barnstable,	Gift of Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
Barre,	Gift of Henry Woods of Boston.
Becket,	Gift of Miss Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
Belchertown,	Bequest of John Francis Clapp.
Belmont,	Gift of Henry O. Underwood.
Bernardston,	Gift of Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
Billerica,	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
Blandford,	Gift of Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
Bolton,	Gift of Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.
Bourne,	Gift of Miss Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
Boylston,	Gift of Miss Salome E. White of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White.
Braintree,	Gift of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
Brimfield,	Gift of James Danielson Lincoln, as a memorial of his mother and his wife.
Brookfield,	Gift of William A. Banister of New York.
Cambridge,	Gift of Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
Canton,	Gift of Augustus Hemenway.
Carlisle,	Gift of Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
Charlemont,	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
Chatham,	Gift of Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
Chelmsford,	Gift of Amos F. Adams of Boston.
Chelsea,	Gift of Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, 1885; destroyed in the great fire of April 12, 1908. Gift of Andrew Carnegie, 1908, for a new building.
Clinton,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Cohasset,	Memorial of Paul Pratt.
Colrain,	Gift of Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
Concord,	Gift of William Munroe.
Conway,	Gift of Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
Cummington,	Gift of William Cullen Bryant.
Dalton,	Gift of the Crane family.
Danvers,	Gift of George Peabody.

DARTMOUTH, SOUTH,	Gift of John H. Southworth of Springfield.
DEDHAM,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
DEERFIELD,	Bequest of Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
DENNIS,	Bequest of Jacob Sears.
DOUGLAS,	Gift of James M. Fairfield of Boston, as a memorial of his father and mother, Simon and Phœbe Churchill Fairfield.
DUNSTABLE,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Roby for a town hall and library building.
DUXBURY,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
EAST BRIDGEWATER,	Gift of Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
EASTHAM,	Gift of Eastham Village Improvement Society.
EASTHAMPTON,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
EASTON,	Gift of Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
EDGARTOWN,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ESSEX,	Bequest of T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
EVERETT,	Gift of Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
East Everett,	Bequest of William Shute.
FAIRHAVEN,	Gift of Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter, Millicent.
FITCHBURG,	Gift of Hon. Rodney Wallace.
FRANKLIN,	Gift of daughters of Hon. Joseph G. Ray, as a memorial of their father.
FREETOWN,	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
GARDNER,	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
West Gardner,	Gift of Mrs. Helen H. Greenwood, as a memorial to her husband, Alvin M. Greenwood.
GEORGETOWN,	Gift of George Peabody.
GLOUCESTER,	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.
GRANVILLE,	Gift of Hon. M. B. Whitney and others.
GREAT BARRINGTON,	Gift of heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell, as a memorial of their father at Housatonic.
GROTON,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
HADLEY,	Gift of John Dwight and others.
HANOVER,	Bequest of John Curtis of Boston, supplemented by gift of his daughter, Miss Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
HARDWICK,	Gift of Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
HARVARD,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
HARWICH, WEST,	Gift of Caleb Chase.
HATFIELD,	Bequest of Samuel H. Dickinson.
HAVERHILL,	Gift of Hon. E. J. M. Hale and other citizens.
HINGHAM,	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
HINSDALE,	Gift of citizens.
HOLDEN,	Gift of Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
HOLLISTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
HOLYOKE,	Gift of citizens.
HOPEDALE,	Gift of Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife Mrs. Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
HOPKINTON,	Gift of natives and residents of the town.
HUBBARDSTON,	Gift of Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
HUDSON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
IPSWICH,	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
KINGSTON,	Bequest of Frederic C. Adams.
LANCASTER,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
LAWRENCE,	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
LEE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
LEICESTER,	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
LENOX,	Gift of Mrs. Adeline E. Schermerhorn.
LEOMINSTER,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
LEXINGTON,	Gift of Mrs. Maria Cary, for a town hall and library building; gift of heirs of Mrs. Maria Cary, for separate library building.

LINCOLN,	Gift of George Grosvenor Tarbell.
LITTLETON,	Gift of children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.
LUDLOW,	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
LUNENBURG,	Gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
LYNN,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute, as a memorial of her husband.
MALDEN,	Gift of Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son.
MANCHESTER,	Gift of Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
MANSFIELD,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
MARBLEHEAD,	Bequest of Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
MARION,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
MARLBOROUGH,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
MARSHFIELD,	Bequest of Seth J. Ventress, for a library at Marshfield; also gift of Clift Rogers, for a library at Marshfield Hills.
MATTAPOISETT,	Gift of George Purrington, Jr.
MEDFORD,	Gift of Thatcher Magoun.
MELROSE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
METHUEN,	Gift of heirs of David Nevins.
MIDDLEBOROUGH,	Bequest of Thomas S. Peirce.
MIDDLETON,	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
MONSON,	Gift of Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
MONTAGUE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Turner's Falls.
NATICK,	Bequest of Miss Mary Ann Morse.
South Natick,	Bequest of Oliver Bacon.
NEEDHAM,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Highlandville.
NEWBURYPORT,	Gift of citizens.
South Newburyport,	Gift of William H. Swasey and other citizens.
NEWTON,	Gift of J. Wiley Edmunds and other citizens.
NORTH ADAMS,	Gift of Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton.
NORTHAMPTON,	Bequest of John Clarke, supplemented by other gifts and by the city.
NORTHAMPTON,	Bequest of Hon. Charles Edward Forbes.
Florence,	Gift of Alfred T. Lilly.
NORTH ANDOVER,	Gift of Hon. Moses T. Stevens.
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH,	Gift of children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards, as a memorial of their parents.
NORTHBOROUGH,	Gift of Cyrus Gale.
NORTH BROOKFIELD,	Mainly the gift of Erasmus Haston.
NORTHFIELD,	Gift of Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
NORTH READING,	Gift of Mrs. Charles F. Flint.
NORTON,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
NORWOOD,	Gift of George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
OAKHAM,	Bequest of Charles A. Fobes of Petersham, as a memorial of his father, P. Ames Fobes; and gift of Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester and of Mrs. Harriet Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y., in memory of Hiram Fobes and Hiram Nye Fobes.
ORLEANS,	Built partly by subscriptions.
OXFORD,	Gift of Charles Larned of Boston.
PEABODY,	Gift of George Peabody.
PEMBROKE (*Bryantville*),	Gift of Mrs. Rozilla Cobb.
PEPPERELL,	Bequest of Charles F. Lawrence of New York.
PETERSHAM,	Built mainly by subscriptions.
PITTSFIELD,	Gift of Hon. Thomas Allen.
PLYMOUTH,	Gift of daughters of William G. Russell.
PRINCETON,	Gift of Edward A. Goodnow, as a family memorial.
PROVINCETOWN,	Gift of Hon. Nathan Freeman.
QUINCY,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
RANDOLPH,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
REHOBOTH,	Gifts of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.

REVERE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ROCHESTER,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford.
ROCKLAND,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ROCKPORT,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
SALEM,	Gift of heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
SANDWICH,	Bequests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Weston of Plymouth.
SCITUATE, NORTH,	Gift of Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.
SHIRLEY,	Built mainly by bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hasen.
SHREWSBURY,	Bequest of Jubal Howe.
SHUTESBURY,	Bequest of Mirick N. Spear of Amherst.
SOMERSET,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Hood.
SOMERVILLE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie for a branch library at West Somerville.
SOUTHAMPTON,	Gift of Winslow H. Edwards, as a memorial of his father.
SOUTHBRIDGE,	Gift of Holmes Ammidown of New York.
SOUTH HADLEY,	Gift of William H. Gaylord; also gift of Andrew Carnegie for a building at South Hadley Falls.
SPENCER,	Gift of Richard Sugden.
SPRINGFIELD,	Gift of the City Library Association (1870); gift of Andrew Carnegie (1905) and others (1908); also of Andrew Carnegie (1908) for three branch library buildings.
STERLING,	Gift of Edward Conant of Worcester, as a memorial of his daughter, Elizabeth Anne.
STOCKBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
STONEHAM,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
STOUGHTON,	Gift of Lucius Clapp of Randolph.
STOW,	Gift of Miss Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.
STURBRIDGE,	Bequest of George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father, Joshua Hyde.
SUDBURY,	Bequest of John Goodnow of Boston.
SUNDERLAND,	Gift of John Long Graves.
SWANSEA,	Gift of Hon. F. S. Stevens.
TAUNTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
TYNGSBOROUGH,	Bequest of Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
UXBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
WALPOLE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
WARE,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde and others.
WARREN,	Gift of Nathan Richardson and others.
WATERTOWN,	Built by Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
WAYLAND,	Bequest of Warren Gould Roby.
WELLESLEY,	Gift of Hollis H. Hunnewell.
WEST BROOKFIELD,	Gift of Charles Merriam of Springfield.
WESTFORD,	Gift of Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
WESTMINSTER,	Bequest of Charles A. Forbush.
WESTWOOD,	Gift of Howard Colburn.
WEYMOUTH,	Gift of Quincy Tufts and his sister, Miss Susan Tufts.
South Weymouth,	Bequest of John S. Fogg.
WILLIAMSBURG,	Bequest of Stephen Meekins.
Haydenville,	Gift of Miss Anna Hayden.
WINCHENDON,	Gift of Charles L. Beals.
WINTHROP,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza W. Frost, as a memorial of her husband, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
WOBURN,	Bequest of Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father; also bequest of Jonathan Thompson, for a memorial of his wife, at North Woburn.
WRENTHAM,	Gift of heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
YARMOUTH,	Gift of Nathan Matthews of Boston.

APPENDIX III.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

REVISED LAWS, 1902, CHAPTER 38.

GENERAL PROVISION.

SECTION 1. Library corporations and associations which have been legally established shall continue to have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and restrictions attaching thereto.

LAW LIBRARIES.

SECTION 2. Attorneys at law who have been admitted to practise in the courts of the commonwealth and who are resident in a county for which there is no law library association may organize as a corporation, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-five, by the name of the Law Library Association for such county, and may adopt by-laws which shall be subject to the approval of the superior court.

SECTION 3. The inhabitants of the county shall have access to the library and may use the books therein, subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

SECTION 4. County treasurers shall annually pay to the law library associations in their respective counties all sums which are paid into the county treasuries during the year by the clerks of the courts, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars in any one year. They may also pay to said associations such further sums as the county commissioners may consider are necessary and proper. All sums which are so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and citizens. The treasurer of the law library association, before receiving any money from the county treasurer, shall give bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of such money, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which it has been expended.

SECTION 5. Each law library association shall be entitled to receive from the sergeant-at-arms, immediately after their publication, one copy of the legislative documents of the senate and house, the journal of the senate and the journal of the house.

CITY AND TOWN LIBRARIES.

SECTION 6. A city or town may establish and maintain public libraries for the use of its inhabitants, under regulations prescribed by the city council or by the town, and may receive, hold and manage

any gift, bequest or devise for such library. The city council of a city or the selectmen of a town may place in such library the books, reports and laws which may be received from the commonwealth.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARIES.

SECTION 7. A town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading room, owned by the town, shall, at an annual meeting or special meeting, unless the same has been acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its trustees or for its care and management which have been accepted by the town, elect by ballot a board of trustees consisting of any number of persons, male or female, divisible by three, which the town determines to elect. When such board is first chosen, one-third thereof shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third shall be elected annually for the term of three years. The board shall, from its own number, annually choose a chairman and secretary and, if the town so votes, a treasurer, who shall give a bond similar to that given by the town treasurer, in an amount and with sureties to the satisfaction of the selectmen. The town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees until the town otherwise directs.

SECTION 8. The board shall have the custody and management of the library and reading room and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance shall be expended by the board, and all money or property which the town may receive by gift or bequest for said library and reading room shall be administered by the board in accordance with the provisions of such gift or bequest.

SECTION 9. The board shall make an annual report to the town of its receipts and expenditures and of the property in its custody, with a statement of any unexpended balance of money and of any gifts or bequests which it holds in behalf of the town, with its recommendations.

SECTION 10. The provisions of the three preceding sections shall not apply to library associations, nor to a library organized under a special act.

BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 11. There shall be a board of free public library commissioners consisting of five persons, residents of the commonwealth, one of whom shall annually be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of five years. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof.

SECTION 12. No member shall receive any compensation, but the board may annually expend not more than five hundred dollars, payable by the commonwealth, for clerical assistance and for other necessary

expenses. It shall annually in January make a report to the general court.

SECTION 13. The board shall advise the librarian or trustees of any free public library relative to the selection or cataloguing of books and any other matter pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

SECTION 14. Said board may, upon the application of the library trustees of a town which has complied with the provisions of sections sixteen and seventeen, and which has no free public library owned and controlled by the town, expend not more than one hundred dollars for books to be selected and purchased by said board and delivered to said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library.

SECTION 15. If a town, the valuation of which is not more than six hundred thousand dollars and which has a free public library, has complied with all laws relative to the maintenance of such library, and the trustees of the library provide, to the satisfaction of the board, for the distribution of books in different parts of the town where such distribution is necessary, by means of branch libraries or deliveries, and for practical and effective means of rendering the library useful to the teachers and scholars of the public schools in such town, the board may expend, in such amounts and at such times as they determine, not more than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books for each free public library owned and controlled by such town.

SECTION 16. A town shall not be entitled to the benefits of the three preceding sections until it accepts the same or has accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in section seven, nor until said trustees have made provision satisfactory to said commissioners for the care and distribution of the books furnished by them.

SECTION 17. Such town shall, if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or over, annually appropriate from the dog tax, or otherwise provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, not less than fifty dollars; if such valuation was less than one million dollars and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand, not less than twenty-five dollars; and if such valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, not less than fifteen dollars.

ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT TO AID FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE SMALL TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of free public library commissioners may annually expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars in aid of free public libraries, especially in those towns the valuation of which does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars. Such aid may include the furnishing of books in small quantities, visits to libraries, the instruction of librarians,

and such other means of encouraging and stimulating the small libraries as said commissioners shall deem advisable: *provided,* that a full detail of expenditures under this act shall be printed in the annual report of the commissioners.

Appropriation of Money for Libraries, etc.

Section 15, chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, provides that towns may appropriate money "for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein, and for the erection or provision of suitable buildings or rooms therefor."

"For maintaining a library therein to which the inhabitants have free access and of which they have the use, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room in connection with and under the control of the managers of such library."

The Dog Tax.

Section 163, chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, provides that money received for dog licenses and refunded to the towns "shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools."

Defacing or Wilful Detention of Books, Papers, etc.

Sections 83 and 84, chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, provide that "whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or statute which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

"Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, detains a book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library for thirty days after notice in writing from the librarian thereof, containing a copy of this section and given after the expiration of the time which, by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

Disturbing Public Libraries.

Section 33, chapter 212 of the Revised Laws, provides that "whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library, or a reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner during the time when such library or reading room is open to the public shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

Land may be taken for Library Buildings.

Section 47 of chapter 25 of the Revised Laws provides that "any land within the limits of a city or town not appropriated to public uses" may be taken "for the purpose of erecting thereon a building to be used for a public school, a library, or an engine house, or for the enlargement of a lot of land taken or used for such purpose," — but the land thus taken may not exceed two acres in extent.

Public Documents.

Under provisions of chapter 9 of the Revised Laws, each town and city library is entitled to receive a copy of the Manual of the General Court, the Blue Book, and a copy of the series of public documents.

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Miss ELIZABETH P. SOHIER, Beverly, . . term expires 1912.

DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden, . . . term expires 1913.

HILLER C. WELLMAN, Springfield, . . . term expires 1914.

Mrs. MABEL SIMPKINS AGASSIZ, Yarmouth, term expires 1914.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twentieth report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1908, to Nov. 30, 1909.

The Commission

Mr. Samuel Swett Green, an original member of the Board, declined reappointment after an efficient service of nineteen years, and in his place Governor Draper appointed Mr. Hiller C. Wellman of Springfield for the full term of five years from Nov. 3, 1909. Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz was reappointed for five years from Nov. 17, 1909, and Mr. Charles F. D. Belden of Cambridge was appointed as chairman of the commission for the unexpired term of the late Mr. C. B. Tillinghast.

Free Libraries for All

Every town in the State has the benefit of a free public library. Some have several branches and others have a library under separate management in addition to the town library.

Towns classified as to Libraries

Two hundred and seventy-four towns have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. Thirty-nine towns have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management. Twenty-two towns have free libraries to which the town appropriates money but is not represented in the management. Seventeen towns

have free libraries which have no connection with the town. Two towns have the free use of public libraries in other places.

A complete list of the towns under the various classifications will be found in Appendix II. to the report.

Libraries aided

The final installment of books under the provisions of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1900 has been supplied to the following towns during the year: Gay Head and Shutesbury.

Under the provisions of the Acts of 1906, chapter 183, the Free Public Library Commission has supplied books to the following towns during the year:

Alford,
Ashby,
Blackstone,
Carlisle,
Chesterfield,
Chilmark,
Cummington,
Dana,
East Longmeadow,
Egremont,
Halifax,
Hampden,
Hawley,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Mashpee,
Middlefield,
Monterey,
Montgomery,
New Marlborough,
Otis,
Pelham,
Peru,
Prescott,
Russell,
Wendell,
West Tisbury,
Whately,
Wilbraham (East Wilbraham, Glendale),
Windsor. — 30.

Other Aids to Libraries

In addition to the constantly growing volume of correspondence and advice given to trustees and librarians during the year the commission has materially aided seven of the smaller libraries in ways other than by the gift of books. It has been glad to send catalogue cases and cards, books for the instruction of librarians in simple cataloguing, and other aids to several towns. The commission is ready to loan books to small libraries when it seems to be desirable for special use or study.

Instruction of Librarians

The tuition of two librarians, one from Bourne and the other from Sandwich, has been paid by the commission at the Summer Library School of Simmons College. In other cases it has

seemed wiser to send a competent instructor to the town requiring such aid. This has been done in Eastham, Huntington, Sudbury and Westport, towns where advice has been sought as to classifying or cataloguing the library. The time given in such cases has been usually from four days to two weeks, and every effort has been made not only to instruct the librarian in technical work, but also to interest the trustees and townspeople in all measures which might add to the usefulness of the library.

The services of the instructor sent to Eastham proved so valuable that after the two weeks, which were paid for by the commission, the instructor was retained at the expense of the town to complete the catalogue. Incidentally, the resident librarian was given the necessary instruction so that she will be able to continue the work in the future.

The Expenditures for the Year

The following statement shows, as required by law, the expenditures by the commission for the year:

Appropriation for aid to libraries	$2,000 00
Expended for instruction and cataloguing at Eastham, Huntington, Sudbury and Westport	$130 80
Instruction in mending books	6 88
Book lists for all the libraries in the State	272 29
Tuition at Simmons College summer school for librarians of Bourne and Sandwich	40 00
Cases, cards and other library appliances for Dunstable and West Tisbury	37 16
Printing, postage, expressage and traveling expenses . .	56 32
Books supplied to 32 towns	869 09
Books purchased for distribution	572 11
Total	$1,984 65
Leaving an unexpended balance of	15 35
	$2,000 00

Appropriation for expenses	$700 00
Paid for printing annual report	$252 25
Collecting and digesting material for report	200 00
G. H. Bartlett, additions to library map	49 50
S. S. Green, traveling expenses	57 21
H. C. Wellman, traveling expenses	5 05
Membership in League of Library Commissions	5 00
Postage	47 00
Printing and supplies	83 99
Total	$700 00

Woman's Education Association

The commission gratefully acknowledges the aid of the Woman's Education Association of Boston in carrying on the system of traveling libraries in the smaller towns and in outlying villages.

The localities receiving the benefit of these libraries during the past year are as follows:

Alford,
Andover,[1]
Annisquam (Gloucester),
Assonet (Freetown),[1]
Athol,[1]
Bedford,[1]
Belchertown,[1]
Bellingham,[1]
Blandford,[1]
Brimfield,[1]
Buckland,
Chester Center,
Chilmark,
Colrain,
Dana,
Drury (Florida),
Duxbury,[1]
East Freetown,
Erving,
Essex,
Farley (Erving),
Goshen,
Halifax,
Hancock,
Hartsville (New Marlborough),
Hawley,
Heath,
Hudson,[1]
Huntington,
Kingston,[1]
Knightville (Huntington),
Lakeville,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Littleville (Chester),
Marshfield Hills,[1]
Miller's Falls (Montague),
Monroe Bridge (Monroe),
Monterey,
New Ashford,
New Braintree,
New Salem,
North Chester,
North Reading,
North Scituate,
Oak Bluffs,
Oakham,
Otis,
Paxton,
Pelham,
Petersham,[1]
Plainfield,
Rochester,[1]
Rockport,
Rowe,
Russell,
Rutland,
Sandisfield,
Shelburne Falls,[1]
Somerset,[1]
Southbridge,[1]
South Dartmouth,[1]
Southfield (Sandisfield),
Spencer,

[1] Special libraries were sent to these towns.

Swift River (Cummington),
Tyringham,
Upton,[1]
Uxbridge,[1]
Wales,
Wareham,[1]
Warwick,
Washington,
Webster,
Wendell,
West Center (West Stockbridge),
West Cummington,
West Stockbridge,
Wheelwright (Hardwick),
Windsor. — 79.

Sixteen of the traveling libraries are known as "special libraries," and consist of collections of books on Florence, Rome, Venice and Egypt; French, Spanish, Dutch, German, Italian and Greek art; English architecture, Shakespeare, travel in French, religion, arts and crafts, and health. There have been several calls for books on the English poets, and a small library on Browning is now in preparation, to be followed, if the demand continues, by others of similar character.

There are fourteen juvenile libraries, which meet with continued popularity. One at Knightville, a little village of Huntington, had a circulation of 342.

The four Audubon libraries have been to Essex, Monterey, North Reading, Rockport, Spencer, Wales and Webster, with a circulation of 308, which, as usual, does not represent their real value, as they were often used in schools. The traveling libraries have proved of great service to study clubs and other organizations, especially when supplemented, as they often are, by reading, or lectures by competent scholars or by those who have had the privilege of foreign travel.

Twenty-four sets of pictures have been in use during the year, and have made 133 visits to 95 places. These sets comprise "Eastern and Western Switzerland," "From Naples to Paestum," "Queer Things seen across the Sea," "Grand Canyon of Colorado," "Yosemite Valley," "Fishes and Birds," "Woman in Art in All Ages," "Canadian Pacific Railroad," "Japan," "Alaska," "Glimpses of Europe," "New England Birds," "Hawaii," "Across the Continent," "Birds and Beasts," "Venetian Art," "Grand Canyon of Arizona," "India," "Art Museum Copies," "Gardens of Italy," "Rome," "English Water-colors" and "Walter Crane's Fairy Tales." The two Swiss sets are very popular. A letter from Heath says,

[1] Special libraries were sent to these towns.

"They are doing splendid work. I am showing them in three schools, and teachers and scholars are enthusiastic about them." At North Reading the pictures were used as the basis of school graduation exercises. The teacher called for articles relating to Switzerland, and the children brought in a little chalet, a carved bear, the Swiss flag, a piece of Mont Blanc, and other interesting mementos.

Advisory Visitors

The commission wishes again to express its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the board of advisory visitors, under the direction of Miss Katherine P. Loring. Many of the women on this board have long been connected with educational or library work. Miss Loring was for many years in charge of one department of Miss Ticknor's Society for the Promotion of Study at Home, — the pioneer society in the work of bringing opportunities for serious study and the books required for that purpose to students in our country villages. With the assistance of another member of this board, Miss Mary C. Morison, she conducted the society and its library for a time after Miss Ticknor's death. Six of the visitors are members of the Library Committee of the Woman's Education Association, which not only supplies traveling libraries to a large proportion of the poorer towns, but also prepares the lists of new books recommended for purchase by the smaller libraries which are distributed by the commission. These women are peculiarly well qualified to consider the many questions which arise as to the relative value of books, and in other ways to assist in their selection, whenever the towns they visit so desire. Other visitors have been selected because of their public spirit and special interest in the localities where they make their visits. The welfare of many of the small towns depends largely upon those who seek rest and recreation within their borders during a portion of the year. The library is a natural meeting-place and connecting bond of interest, and our visitors are often able to promote friendly and helpful relations with those who are glad to associate themselves with the life and efforts of the town.

The visitors, besides examining the libraries and reporting their needs and condition to the commission, have been able to

assist the libraries in various ways. They have obtained for them books and other material aid, and have made practical suggestions which have been welcomed and adopted. They have aided in the selection of books and in their arrangement, promoted better shelving, encouraged work in the schools, and the opening of libraries between school sessions for the benefit of children. In many instances they have induced the trustees to allow two books to a borrower instead of one, to extend the usefulness of the library to the outlying districts and in other ways to facilitate the distribution of books. In one town the visitor was able to instruct the librarian how to make a cheap fumigating closet, which was much appreciated, and in another to point out the means to procure, free of charge, books for blind readers.

Where special instruction has been required and the town has been willing to co-operate, the visitors have reported to the commission, and on their recommendation either the librarian has been offered an opportunity to attend the summer school at Simmons College, or an expert has been sent to the town to instruct in cataloguing and in appropriate methods of simple library administration. In the smaller towns local conditions require to be studied carefully, and the visitors endeavor to confer with the trustees as well as with the librarians. The success of the libraries in many of the little towns depends largely on the volunteer service and devotion of the trustees, and their interest and enthusiasm have been encouraged by conference with others who are attempting similar work.

Notes of Progress

In Appendix I. to this report will be found the usual notes of progress made up from the annual library reports and other sources. They are most encouraging to those interested in the progress and development of the free public library system of the Commonwealth. One of the most gratifying features noted in the reports is the increase in the efforts to make the libraries helpful to the public schools. This is accomplished by allowing practically unlimited use of the books by teachers and by liberal privileges granted to the pupils; also by the addition of books known to be especially useful in school work. Another note

worthy tendency is that of admitting children to full library privileges without limit of age. In many libraries privileges are granted to the children as soon as they are able or evince the desire to read. It is interesting to note that the circulation has materially increased in the branch libraries and in outlying districts of the towns. It is also significant that in many of the smaller libraries it is now possible to take out more than one book at a time.

When the commission was organized, in 1890, one hundred and five towns in the State were without a free public library. To-day, with the exception of the towns of Washington and Newbury, which have rights in the libraries of adjacent towns, every town in Massachusetts has its own free library. Many of the towns with scattered villages have several libraries, each with its own librarian. In some cases they are established as branches or divisions of the town library, and in other cases wholly distinct, each with its own board of trustees.

These little libraries depend almost wholly upon the unpaid services of their trustees, and are administered by librarians who receive little more than nominal compensation. It has been the effort of the commission to foster the formation of these small village branches, to stimulate the extension of the distribution of books through the schools, and to encourage the co-operation of librarians, trustees and teachers.

The rapidly increasing number of these village libraries and the effort to promote their efficiency have largely increased the correspondence and other work of the commission. Also, as libraries established with the assistance of the commission have grown in size and in efficiency, requests have steadily increased for advice and assistance. The most pressing demand is always for new books, and these have been granted upon condition that the town should in some way increase the usefulness of its library, so that its books should be more and more in the homes of the people rather than upon its shelves.

The endeavor to secure these results has entailed ever-increasing correspondence as well as personal interviews with town officials and others having influence in the town as well as with the officers of the libraries.

The clerical and other work of the commission has been for many years performed almost entirely without expense to the State. Under new conditions, however, and in view of the steadily increasing demands, the commission feels the necessity of enlarged appropriations and of paid assistance in some form, which will promote the efficiency of its work and enable it to extend to the towns the aid which they require in their efforts to bring the full benefits of our Massachusetts library system within reach of every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth.

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MABEL SIMPKINS AGASSIZ,
Commissioners.

Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast

At a special meeting of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, held May 26, 1909:

Resolved, That the surviving members of the commission do hereby place upon record our deep personal sorrow for the departure of a beloved and trusted associate, and our sense of the loss which the service of the Commonwealth, especially in connection with its free public library affairs, has sustained by the death of Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast.

Resolved, That a close acquaintance, not only as associates in an official capacity, but also as individuals in the friendly relations of life, has revealed to us the many and varied qualities of mind and heart which found their outward manifestations in his conversation, his actions, and in an uncompromising devotion in the performance of those things which to him were duties not to be overlooked or met in a perfunctory way.

Resolved, That his long and successful service in the library of the Commonwealth gave him a fitness for the chairmanship of this commission which enabled him to direct its affairs with judgment and discretion, and with such beneficial results as cannot be questioned by any who are familiar with the progress and present condition of the libraries of Massachusetts. His influence has been helpful not only in his official acts, but, perhaps equally, by his individual efforts to create and sustain a healthy library spirit in all parts of the Commonwealth; and the smaller libraries of the State owe to his memory a debt which may not be forgotten for the inception and successful administration of measures which have given them life and strength.

APPENDIX I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

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ABINGTON. A bust of Lincoln, with pedestal, has been presented to the library by citizens of the town.

ACTON. The library has received the gift of a bronze statue of Milton, from the estate of Mrs. M. E. A. Williams. The circulation of books shows a gain of about 700 over the previous year.

ACUSHNET. Teachers have the privilege of taking out any reasonable number of books for use in the schools, without limit as to time. Valuable reference books have been purchased during the year and another bookcase added to the equipment. Suitable quarters for the growing demands of the library are needed.

ADAMS. A gift of "The New England States," in 4 volumes, from Mr. Columbus Miller of Adams, is much appreciated. The circulation shows a gain of more than 7,000 in two years. Children are given full library privileges as soon as they are able to write their names and street addresses. Books purchased previous to 1894 are being arranged according to the Decimal Classification and gradually catalogued. Seventy-four periodicals are kept regularly on file, of which 9 are dailies.

AGAWAM. At the annual town meeting, March 1, 1909, William H. Porter, for the committee appointed to consider the matter of additional accommodations for the library at Agawam Center, reported against any addition to the town building, or the erection of a new building by the town, or the renting of any room in a private building, but recommended additional shelving in the present quarters.

ALFORD. The town appropriation for the library has been increased, and the dog tax applied to the uses of the library. Twenty dollars have been set apart for immediate use in the purchase of books, and books were received from the Free Public Library Commission. Notwithstanding all disadvantages the circulation shows an increase.

AMESBURY. Gifts are reported of a large oil painting, valued at $1,000, by Charles H. Davis, and of 62 books, many curios and glass cases for their display from M. Newell Huntington.

AMHERST. The library continues to aid the schools in all possible ways. Teachers and pupils are allowed the use of an unlimited number of books for an indefinite time. The library has been presented, through the courtesy of Edwin E. Snow of Boston, with the

"History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company," organized in 1637, in 4 handsome volumes. The will of the late Enos Foster Cook of Amherst bequeathed to the town $1,000 as the nucleus of a fund for a library building.

North Amherst Public Library. A card catalogue, which was begun two years ago, is now complete.

ANDOVER. The circulation for home use has nearly doubled in two years. The work of accessioning the books contained in the library previous to 1906 is in progress and many undesirable and out-of-date books are being withdrawn. Books are sent every fortnight by special carrier to private houses in the North, Bailey, Osgood and Abbott districts, where they are left for distribution. Work with the schools is constant and helpful; teachers are given special cards, bulletins are made for special anniversaries and the children are always helped with their reference work.

ARLINGTON. The reading room is open on every day of the year except holidays, and the book room and children's room on every week day other than holidays, except in August, when these rooms are open only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Ninety-five periodicals, including 3 dailies, are kept on file. Ten books at a time are issued to teachers on one card, and may be kept for three months. There is no age limit for the admission of children to full library privileges. The Arlington Heights reading room continues to be a delivery station.

ASHBY. Books are classified according to the Dewey system and the Browne charging system is used. Teachers are allowed to take 5 books at a time, and pupils any book needed for school use. Mrs. Mary D. Allison of Fitchburg has presented the library a set of John Lord's "Beacon Lights of History," in 15 volumes, and Miss Laura Tolman of Dorchester has given a large collection of miscellaneous books. Books were also received from the Free Public Library Commission.

ASHFIELD. A bequest of $100 from Charles Eliot Norton is to be added to the permanent fund of the library.

ASHLAND. At the annual stock taking in August, 1909, only 1 book was missing. The surroundings of the library have been rendered more attractive by the laying of a concrete walk from the sidewalk to the steps of the building.

ATHOL. The duplicate or pay collection has been increased largely and is very popular. The present dark quarters and crowded reference room are a serious hindrance to the possible progress of the library. The provision of books in foreign languages for the large adult foreign population is being considered.

ATTLEBOROUGH. The circulation has been the largest of any year in the history of the library. Members of various clubs visit the

library for information and material for papers on a variety of subjects, and artisans from the factories find in the books and magazines suggestions for improvement in their work. Regarding a plan for library extension work in outlying districts, for which the Ladies' Library Aid Association voted $300, the librarian writes: "We began sending books to the outlying districts of Hebronville, Dodgeville and South Attleborough on Feb. 10, 1909. Up to date 441 books have been sent thus. Our work in South Attleborough, where books are delivered from house to house, has been most successful. We have sent there only such books as we have received requests for. This has been our plan also at Hebronville and Dodgeville, but inasmuch as we have been not quite so successful at these two places, we intend opening up a small deposit station at Hebronville as an experiment. We shall send down 50 books to the fire station every two weeks. An assistant will be in charge of the room from 6 to 9 every Saturday evening, to circulate those books and to receive and fill requests for others. This work is to begin November 30. For the present the existing arrangement at Dodgeville will be continued."

The Massachusetts Library Club met at the library late in October, 1909. Open access to all books proves satisfactory to all borrowers, and is seldom abused. Only 6 books from the children's department and 14 from the adults' were missing during the year, while there was a gain in circulation of more than 10,000 over 1907. The Sunday attendance was 5,049, an increase of 1,930 over 1907. A new feature of the year's work has been the issue of a quarterly bulletin.

AUBURN. The trustees permit the use of books in the schools under direction of the teachers, who are held responsible for their proper care, and thereby the issue of books has been increased. A branch library has been established at Stoneville, where the owner of the Ettrick Mills allows the use of the mill team for bringing and returning books, and the men's club gives the use of a room for the branch. Mr. Josiah W. Henshaw acts as librarian, without compensation, bringing and returning the books himself. Mr. Leander S. Merriam of Auburn has given the "Cyclopedia of Universal History," in 3 volumes, and the "History of the United States," in 4 volumes.

AYER. An experimental extension of the work of the library for the schools, by the loaning of 40 carefully selected books to the seventh grade, has proved satisfactory. A teacher in that grade reports that three-fourths of her pupils — many of whom had not read at all outside of their school work — have read some of the books. A gift of 10 books, in memory of the late Rev. A. S. Hudson, is reported.

BARNSTABLE. Sturgis Library. Teachers and pupils in the schools are allowed to take all the books they wish for study. Books continue to be sent to the libraries at Centerville, Cotuit, etc.

Centerville Free Public Library Association. The library is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon. The largest gift of the year was from Mrs. Howard Marston, Centerville.

Cotuit Public Library. The library is open every day in the week, except Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. The books are being recatalogued and classified, and a new charging system has been adopted. A deposit of 40 books at a time is made at the schoolhouse. Miss Alice M. Howard, a Simmons College graduate, has been elected librarian.

Hyannis Free Public Library Association. For about seven months the duties of librarian were performed gratuitously by volunteers. A society formed of pupils in the grammar grades of the Hyannis Training School raised about $65, through an entertainment, to buy books.

Marston's Mills Public Library. Kerosene for lighting and much of the wood for heating are contributed. The day of opening the library has been changed from Friday to Saturday. The will of Dr. Frank W. Pierce left $100 to the library.

Osterville Public Library. The library is open from 3 to 5 P.M. and from 7 to 9 P.M. through July, August and September. For the rest of the year it is open from 2.30 to 4.30 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and every evening from 7 to 9. A fair and contributions realized $403.75 for the support of the library. The use of the reference books is free to teachers and pupils of the schools.

BARRE. The experiment of branches at South Barre and Barre Plains proved so successful that a third branch has been established in a private house in District No. 7. The association provides the reading room and pays the cost of an annual series of lectures. The building is owned by a corporation, which holds it for the public welfare and pays the janitor and furnishes heat and lights.

BELCHERTOWN. The will of the late Dwight Parker Clapp, president of the library, left $1,000 to the library. His widow presented the library with about 200 books and the Rev. Samuel Woodbury gave 16 volumes of reference books. The open-shelf system, restricted as to children less than fourteen years, except by special permission, has been adopted.

BELLINGHAM. Gifts of books are acknowledged from Mr. John Albee of Pequaket, N. H., and Mr. Frank Rand of Bellingham. In the delivery of books, desk cards are used, — no cards for borrowers' use. A slip with the printed inscription "Book Due," with the date two weeks ahead, is pasted into the back of the book. Each borrower registers his name, making him responsible for the book

borrowed. The librarian suggests, as means for making a small library most useful and attractive: "Couple the activities of a library with a village room. Allow exchange of ideas by conversation. Simplify in every way possible the administration. Open shelves. Know useful books and get others to read them. Help the children always."

BELMONT. Books have been sent to Waverley twice a week as usual. To Payson Park books have been sent once a week, except during the school vacation. The teachers have borrowed 1,612 books for use in the schools. The use of the reading room has increased, as well as the home circulation. The books were cleaned during the summer and an inventory taken. Only 6 books were found missing, all in the children's department. The work on the catalogue has gone on steadily.

BERNARDSTON. Mrs. C. R. Hills, the librarian for several years, resigned Oct. 1, 1908, and Miss Nettie E. Davis was chosen as her successor.

BEVERLY. The circulation for the year shows a gain of nearly 14,000 in the past two years. Besides the branch at Beverly Farms and the deposit stations at North Beverly and Centerville, books are sent to seven schools, and special lists are compiled for the use of the teachers. The reading room in the Endicott building continues to be largely used. The trustees express much gratification that the city council has in hand the matter of selecting a site for a new library building, as the congestion in the present quarters has become almost unbearable.

BLACKSTONE. Two delivery stations, at Millville and East Blackstone, are maintained. The circulation shows an increase of over 2,000 during the past two years. Teachers are allowed 4 books on a card for school use. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

BLANDFORD. The trustees have had a new furnace put in. A stationery and candy sale, held by the young people, netted a sum for the purchase of new books. A handsome gift of books from Mrs. Minnie D. Sharrocks of Springfield is much appreciated.

BOLTON. An increase in the use of the library by children is reported. Mrs. George S. Ball and her sisters have given for the historical room portraits of their parents and grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Nourse and Maj. and Mrs. Barnard Nourse), former residents of the town. Mrs. John Whitney gave a fine portrait of Mrs. Joseph Whitney, painted by Mr. Clark of Lancaster Common.

BOSTON. The circulation, including that through schools and institutions, reached a total of 1,679,442, — an increase of more than 150,000 over the previous year. The Jamaica Plain branch in Curtis Hall was rendered homeless by the burning of that building late in 1908, and since then has been quartered temporarily in Jackson Hall. A new building has been planned, but not actually

begun. The Sunday service at the central library has been extended. The bequest of Patrick F. Sullivan of Boston, of $5,000 for the purchase of Catholic standard books, was made available in November, 1908. Noteworthy gifts during the year include 1,057 volumes from the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth G. Gay; 400 volumes of Italian literature from H. Nelson Gay of Rome; 11 volumes from J. Pierpont Morgan, comprising his elegant privately printed catalogues of books, miniatures and pictures; and a bequest of 887 volumes from the library of the late Louise Chandler Moulton, almost wholly comprising autographed copies of prose and poems by contemporaneous American and English authors, many of them containing also letters and inscriptions of interest by the authors. In addition to the use of the library shown by the circulation, the main reading room in Bates Hall, at the central library, has had a largely increased number of readers. The cutting down of the appropriation by the city council has hampered the usefulness of the library in several essential directions. The trustees call attention to the fact that this is the only great free library for all the people of the Commonwealth, so that every municipality within 50 miles of Boston governs its own library expenditures for buildings, books and maintenance by this fact, knowing that the people who require the most expensive books and material for their use will find them in Boston, therefore it does not need to provide them itself. The Boston Public Library is also the only free library in Massachusetts where scholars can efficiently conduct scholarly research. The annual report of the trustees contains a complete and interesting description of the composition, workings and results of the library system of Boston, and its relations to the people generally and the educational system of the Commonwealth.

BOURNE. Mr. Robert Emmons of Boston has given the library several fine sets of standard works.

BOXBOROUGH. The library having outgrown its quarters, the old town hall was secured. The town repainted the outside, and after repairs to the piazza and the painting of two rooms adjoining the large hall, through the generosity of Mrs. Anna Page, the books were moved in and arranged upon the shelves. It is proposed to use one of the rooms for a historical and reading room. The library has the old pewter communion service and Bible of the old church as a nucleus for a historical collection, and gifts of articles of historic interest are desired. Thanks are expressed to Mrs. Louisa Priest for a large picture of Mrs. Nathan Patch, and to Mrs. Philip Cunningham for large picture of Peter Whitcomb — both old residents.

BOYLSTON. The circulation has far exceeded that of any previous year, and the reading room has been generously patronized. Among

the gifts reported are 80 volumes from Mrs. Joseph A. Ball of Worcester, in memory of her husband, a native of the town; a marble bust of John B. Gough, presented by the late Nahum H. Andrews of Springfield, O., a native of Boylston; and books from Mr. Alfred G. Larkin.

BRAINTREE. The books have been classified and a card shelf list made, while the card catalogue will be completed as rapidly as income will permit. Through the operation of the Stetson and Hunt funds, an average of 20 new books a week will be added, and 50 magazines, twice the previous number, will be found on the tables.

BRIDGEWATER. Increased circulation and use of the reading room is reported, and the additional shelving has somewhat relieved the crowded condition of the stack room. Sets of stereographic views of Switzerland and Italy, with guide books which add much to the value of the pictures, have been added, making eight sets of these views, which are much enjoyed. An unusually large list of donations of books is acknowledged. During the year the bequests under the wills of Mrs. Harriet Morton Gilbert ($5,000) and Rev. Theodore Francis Wright ($2,000) have been paid into the town treasury. Only the income of either bequest can be used.

BRIMFIELD. The library has received from Mrs. Sophie Foster Symes a framed picture of her father, the late John W. Foster, and a copy of his valuable archæological work, "Prehistoric Races of the United States of America." The library is opened on occasions which bring people to town. The reunion of the Hitchcock Academy Alumni Association, the meeting of the conference of churches and that of the Pomona Grange have been such occasions. Hospitality is extended by the cheerful fire on the hearth and by showing illustrated books. The librarian is taking great pains to present illustrations of various industries and activities in the town. Among others there has been held an exhibition of 31 varieties of grapes raised by one of the local farmers on the hills, who has begun the systematic culture of the fruit in a modest way. This is a surprise to the townspeople, and the young folks have been much impressed by its possibilities. Miss Tarbell, the librarian, also gave some talks, in the academy library, on grape culture. She also had an exhibition of 12 of the best varieties of grasses, including herd's grass 5 feet 8 inches tall. Other exhibits have been of grafted chestnuts and of seedlings of forest trees, pines and others, with seeds and cones, to encourage forestry experiments.

BROCKTON. The library has received a bequest of $3,000 from the estate of Mrs. Jonas R. Perkins. Despite the very cramped quarters, to which the trustees again call attention, the library has

had a year of much prosperity. The circulation has been increased, especially at the Campello and Montello branches. The use of the reading room has been large. More than one-third of the circulation has been through the children's room and the books sent to the schools.

BROOKLINE. The building of a new structure for the uses of the library is progressing favorably. The old building was moved to the corner of the lot during the summer, without interrupting its work for an hour. A basement has been built under the old structure, as it will continue to be used for library purposes until the new one is complete. The corner stone of the new building was laid on Nov. 1, 1909. The work of the reference department is becoming one of the most important in the library, and its use, either by personal visitation or by the telephone, is welcomed as tending to widen the legitimate field of the library, — the dispensing of information.

CAMBRIDGE. The most important event in the record of the year was the renovation of the interior of the central library building, no repairs of any extent having been made during the twenty years since its erection, in 1889. For this purpose an appropriation of $500 was made, but this was sufficient to pay for one-third only of the whole expense necessary, the regular appropriation being drawn upon for some $750 more, and other needed repairs on the interior and exterior of the building being postponed to another year. This expenditure cut into the amount available for books by just so much, the total appropriation being about the same as that of the previous year. For this and for other causes the total circulation of books for the year fell off, for the first time in some years, from that of the year before, the figures being, respectively 310,394 and 315,955, a loss of 5,561. For four weeks of midsummer, during the time of the repairs, the central library was closed, and on the closing day, July 17, 1909, a phenomenal circulation was recorded of 3,739 books, as against the largest previous count of 1,335, on February 13 of the same year. This was due chiefly to a special privilege granted to borrowers of taking out as many as 5 books on one card, only 1 of which could be recent fiction. A further reason for the lack of normal increase in circulation was due to a change in the method of counting the circulation through the schools, in compliance with a recommendation of the American Library Association, with a view to uniformity and exactness in the methods of preparing statistics. By this change the total count for the schools was diminished by more than one-half, from 20,820 last year to 9,191 this year. At the same time the actual number of books sent to the schools has been considerably increased, even although it has

not been possible to add so many new books to the school duplicate collection as was done the year before. With the help of an extra expert cataloguer, Miss Ella S. Wood, the books listed in the first printed supplement of 1891 have been about half recatalogued, and the work will be completed early in the next fiscal year, which begins with April. This task will make available, in the main card catalogue, a miscellaneous collection of some 2,000 books. There still remains a collection of almost 10,000 older books, as listed in the first printed catalogue of 1887, and a printed supplement of books in foreign languages, the revision of which must be completed in order to make available in the main card catalogue the full resources of the library on all topics. With the issue of January, 1909, the monthly Bulletin took a new form, with a longer page and more matter per page, the regular length being 16 pages, instead of 24 pages, as heretofore. The only special list appeared in May, 1909, in connection with the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Oliver Wendell Holmes, in advance of the birthday, August 29, as an accommodation to the schools, for which a separate edition was also issued, and to the Cambridge Historical Society. Under the auspices of the latter was held, in the Cambridge room, an exhibit of Holmes memorabilia, which were loaned for the occasion by the Harvard College Library, the Boston Public Library, the Boston Athenæum and other institutions, besides our own library, and also by relatives and friends of Holmes, notably, Dr. John Dixwell, with a collection of old china and other personalia, from the last residence of Holmes, and Mrs. James T. Fields, with rare manuscripts. The exhibit of the library at the Boston 1915 Exposition consisted of copies of books and pamphlets issued by the library, a specimen "traveling library," and groups of half-tone reproductions of photographs of the library, taken from the "History of the Cambridge Public Library," published in 1908. Both branch libraries show the usual large gains in circulation, that for the older branch, in East Cambridge, being 11,210, with a total of 66,951, and that for the newer branch, in North Cambridge, being considerably less, with 9,800, but with a larger total, 75,090. For the latter a new children's room was obtained and equipped, during the summer, by adding the room in the rear, which was, and continues to be, used as a polling booth for that ward of the city. The East Cambridge branch, being similarly situated, on the second floor of a police station, needs an extension of its quarters in the same way, and steps have been taken with that end in view. Early in the year the offer of an annual gift of $50 worth of books from members of the Houghton family, in memory of Henry Oscar Houghton, senior and junior of the name, first be-

came available, a special condition being that all books be chosen from the list of the Houghton Mifflin Company. At the close of the fiscal year public announcement was made of a bequest to the library, in accordance with the terms of the will of the late Edward H. Whorf, which had been made and formally accepted by the trustees in 1902, of $4,000, one-fourth unrestricted, and the testator's library of books on "Mexico and Central America." This bequest will bring to the library a unique and valuable collection of books, a sufficient income to maintain it, and a further unrestricted contribution of $1,000 to the special funds of the library.

CANTON. The constantly increasing leakage in the copper roof of the main library building forced the trustees to have an entirely new roof put on, at a cost of $1,400, which, with other necessary repairs, exhausted the contingent fund and made inroads upon the allowance for maintenance. Mr. Augustus Hemenway continued his generous donation of $1,500, on condition that the town appropriate a like amount, so that the library service was not interrupted.

CHARLTON. The library has been open one-half day more each week than in previous years. The circulation shows an increase of nearly 20 per cent for the year.

CHELMSFORD. Increased circulation is reported, the proportion of fiction being only 64.6 per cent.

North Chelmsford Library Corporation. The circulation shows a gain of 1,400 over the previous year. The new books added numbered 259, 122 more than in the preceding year.

CHELSEA. Although the great fire of April 12, 1908, destroyed not only the fine library building, but also nearly all its books, 815 were in the hands of borrowers in the unburned district and so were saved. With this slender equipment, in a temporary home, the additions during the remainder of the year numbered 1,613, and the circulation was 13,405. The Browne system of charging was put into effect, and the new catalogue is being compiled. The books are arranged by the Dewey Classification, with Cutter author numbers. The new building, for which Andrew Carnegie gave $50,000, to which he has added $7,500 for furnishing, will be a handsome and commodious structure. The name of the library has been changed to Public Library of Chelsea. Tablets commemorative of the giver of the ground and the original building, Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, and of Andrew Carnegie, will probably be placed in the new building. A special teachers' library will be a feature in the building, and work with the schools, necessarily suspended during the present occupation of the meager and crowded quarters temporarily available, will be resumed. Probably a room will be set apart for the teachers' and music departments.

Work on the new building is progressing well and it is hoped to occupy it early in the coming spring. The exterior will be of light colored brick, with terra cotta trimmings and cornice and a granite base. A special feature will be a circular delivery room, lighted from a dome. The delivery desk, commanding control of the various rooms, will be opposite the main entrance. On either side of the circular rotunda will be two large reading rooms, each having eight good-sized tables. The stack room will be at the rear. The children's room will be in the basement, with an entrance from Marlborough Street. There are also provided in the basement a large lecture room, 26 by 50 feet, and a special historical room. The library will be equipped with adequate cataloguing, unpacking, librarian's and trustees' rooms. The structure will be about 30 feet high.

CHESTER. The books have been overhauled by the trustees, aided by a number of public-spirited citizens, who gave their services; 246 worn-out books discarded and 158 volumes sent away and substantially rebound; the books properly arranged on the shelves and plainly numbered. The plan of buying 10 or 12 new books each month, instead of buying the year's supply at once, has proved satisfactory. The town note for the Gamwell fund has been paid, and the money, now amounting to $538.39, has been put at interest, as has the lecture course fund for the better lighting of the library. The will of Mrs. John H. Jones of Los Angeles, Cal., left $2,000 to the town of Chester, her birthplace, to found a library. Owing to illness, Miss Pomeroy was obliged to resign as librarian, and Miss Helen Smith was appointed her successor.

CHESTERFIELD. The will of the late Miss Emogene Pynchon of Chesterfield left to the town the proceeds from the sale of her entire real estate in Chesterfield, to be used toward erecting a public library building, to bear the name of Pynchon Memorial. The will also left to the Chesterfield Grange the residue of her estate, to be used for building a Grange hall, provided such building is begun within five years from the testator's death; if not, this bequest is to revert to the town, to be added to the library fund above mentioned. Books were received from the Free Public Library Commission.

CHICOPEE. The library has had an unprecedented demand for books during the year past, the total circulation showing an increase of 25,000 over any previous year. The main library and the Falls branch have been kept open every day in the week. The experiment of providing Polish books for circulation has not proved as successful as was thought at first, largely owing to the gradual disappearance of the books loaned. A branch at Fairview was opened on the upper floor of the public building, Dec. 11, 1909. Miss Mae Graffam, a school teacher at Fairview, is the librarian,

and the branch will be open for the present on Saturday evenings only.

CHILMARK. Through the efforts of interested friends a play was given which netted sufficient funds to buy 40 new books and two new stacks. Gifts of books from the Free Public Library Commission and from several friends are acknowledged with thanks.

CLARKSBURG. The town clerk reports that the library has been discontinued and the books stored away.

CLINTON. Particular attention has been given to supplying a long-recognized want for an adequate collection of the most advanced text-books on business methods and accounts. To relieve the congestion in the main stack room the directors have decided for the present to remove all of the public documents and other works seldom called for to the west hall, on the upper floor, providing cheap stacks for them. This will give room for several thousand volumes. In the children's room the shelf capacity has been enlarged, and a new and up to date delivery desk has been installed, putting that department into excellent condition.

COHASSET. The working agreement between the directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library, by which the former institution is custodian of all the books belonging to both, continues to be satisfactory. The children's room has proved popular and successful. The increase in the number of books has made more shelf room a necessity, and stacks to accommodate 3,000 additional volumes have been put in.

COLRAIN. Since occupying the beautiful new memorial building, the library has received large accessions, mostly of valuable reference works from the $500 given for that purpose by Mr. Frank D. Griswold of New York. Joseph Griswold of Greenfield, donor of the building, has given $1,000 for library purposes and also a large number of books, and other friends have presented numerous volumes.

CONCORD. The library has two sets of officers, the library committee, elected by the town and having charge of the expending of the moneys appropriated by the town, and the corporation, who have in charge the trust funds. In the annual report of the committee is an interesting history of the library and its growth, emphasizing the remarkable collection of books and works of art by natives of Concord which the library possesses. The needs of the future, to be met in a new building, were outlined, when the Munroe fund, of about $37,000 at present, shall have accumulated sufficiently. The invested funds of the library (including the Munroe fund, for accumulation) now aggregate $90,469.54.

DANVERS. The year's work was the largest in the history of the library, with a daily circulation average of 206. The Peabody fund, for reference books, is nearly exhausted and the librarian appeals

for an increase in the town appropriation for this important purpose. The increase of work in all departments has not permitted much to be done in cataloguing and printing cards for the older books, and the librarian urges the necessity of completing the card catalogue. The charging system in use does not fulfill present-day requirements, and the adoption of a more modern and efficient system is recommended.

DARTMOUTH. Southworth Library, South Dartmouth. Friends have contributed 219 volumes and regularly supplied several magazines. Atlases and large dictionary and other reference books have been added to the supply at the reading room. The management is trying to raise money for a card catalogue, and for changes in the reading and stack rooms, to increase the efficiency of the library.

Smith's Mills, North Dartmouth. The library occupies one room in Mr. Palmer's house and is hampered for lack of room. There is not enough shelving for the 1,007 books, 150 added the past year, and larger quarters are desired.

DEDHAM. The trustees, in their annual report, emphasize the need of a larger appropriation for the purchase of books for general circulation and the school delivery; also for rebinding many books that are in bad condition. Purchases are made from month to month of books for East Dedham and Oakdale branches, as they are no longer delivery stations from the main library. The accumulation of books and other printed matter which the wear and tear of long circulation has rendered worthless to readers will be sent in bulk to the auction rooms, to secure the best return possible for it to the town. The trustees believe that with greater care in the selection of new books the space occupied by this obsolete and long-unused material can be filled with far greater service to the people of the town, for whose benefit the library exists.

DEERFIELD. Dickinson Library. The management endeavors to help the schools by introducing new books on subjects most informing as to the kind of work each feels most anxious to learn, and which will develop the better nature.

South Deerfield Public Library. Over 100 new books have been purchased the past year, and the circulation (with only 1,931 books on the shelves) has been 5,237, a very encouraging showing.

DENNIS. At the town meeting on April 5, 1909, it was voted to convey to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library corporation, whose organization was described in last year's report, all the town's right, title and interest in the free public library, as authorized by section 7 of chapter 254 of the Acts of 1908. The Dewey system of classification has been introduced. Books are sent to Dennis village by a volunteer helper during a good part of the year. Mr. Goodell of Montclair, N. J., a summer resident, has presented 53 volumes to the library.

DRACUT. The trustees endeavor to supply books to fit all tastes and in goodly numbers, also to provide children's books in abundance. The museum, in which are many relics and curiosities, has been a source of much enjoyment to visitors, and the trustees will endeavor to make this an educational center, supplementing the work of the library. The library has been well patronized and the circulation shows a gratifying increase.

DUDLEY. The increase in circulation reveals an interest in the library which justifies the addition of another day to the open hours, Mondays being selected. The Bay Path Library Club held a field day, October 15, at Budleigh Hall, the summer residence of Mr. Samuel Morris Conant.

DUNSTABLE. A card catalogue is being made, with the Dewey Classification and the Cutter book numbers for the new books. The librarian hopes to reclassify and catalogue the older portion of the library as she has opportunity. She aims to help the school children in the choice of books, and to aid the teachers to find books that relate to special subjects which they may be presenting to their pupils.

DUXBURY. The beautiful new memorial building, built and presented to the library by Mrs. Georgiana B. Wright, was occupied on May 22, 1909. Joseph Everett Chandler of Plymouth was the architect of the building, which is somewhat in the form of a cross, the center of the cross being the rotunda. The vestibule, porch and steps entering the building are balanced on the rear by the librarian's room, the stairs to the basement and the oval trustees' room. The head and foot of the cross are formed by the stack room and reading room, one on either side of the rotunda. The entire length of the building is 86 feet and varies from 20 to 50 feet in width.

EAST BRIDGEWATER. Two beautiful bronze vases and an incense burner over two thousand years old, brought from China many years ago by Capt. Andrew J. Smith, brother of the donor, have been left to the library by the will of Mrs. K. E. Sheldon. Mr. Daniel French, executor of the will of Mrs. B. K. Bliss, has also presented a fine carved ivory fan, which was a wedding gift to Mrs. Anna McCarthy, who was married in 1740. Teachers have practically unlimited use of the books. The librarian believes free access to the books is most appreciated in small communities. People who know little of authors can best judge a book by handling. Material for school use, on any subject required, is collected and placed in the trustees' room, where the children have the use of it. The card catalogue has passed the experimental stage and has become satisfactory to the patrons of the library.

EASTHAM. Books are sent by carrier to three delivery stations, two in the south part and one in the north part of the town. The library

is being classified by the Dewey system, under the charge of Miss Ella S. Wood. The trustees this year bought a number of books especially for use in the primary grades of the schools.

EASTHAMPTON. A teacher in one of the large schools a mile from the library takes home 50 books once in two weeks and distributes them to scholars to take home. The dictionary card catalogue and the Browne charging system are being used. "We are spreading books before the eyes of the public more and more each year; more on tables, less in stacks." There were 472 books added. A new bookcase has been placed in the delivery room, which gives space for 200 volumes and somewhat relieves the congestion.

EAST LONGMEADOW. The library has received books from the Free Public Library Commission, and friends have sent, through the commission, a gift of about 25 volumes.

ENFIELD. The directors of the library association report increased use and appreciation of the facilities at their command, the home circulation for the year having averaged 150 books per week. Many fresh magazines are found on the tables and after a month are issued for home use. The generous appropriation by the town, added to the dog fund, has enabled the addition of more than 200 volumes the past year, and the income of the Hooker fund has provided 20 volumes of science, history and travel.

ERVING. The library has received from the Woman's Education Association a gift of 18 volumes and the use of a traveling library for a year; 55 books have been added by purchase, and $50 has been expended for rebinding. A branch station at Miller's Falls is prospering.

EVERETT. Parlin Memorial Library. The age requirement for card holders has been changed from twelve years to ten. The trustees commend the recommendation of the librarian that 2 books at a time should be allowed a borrower, provided 1 book is non-fiction. The circulation has increased 20 per cent over the preceding year. More volumes were purchased, also, than in any previous year. The children's department has shown a handsome gain.

Shute Memorial Library. Special attention has been given to getting works of reference. The circulation shows a good increase, and the children's department continues to do its full share.

FAIRHAVEN. The library is open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. every day, including Sundays and holidays. Children are admitted to library privileges as soon as they are able to read, if a parent signs a request; at eleven years in any case. Small collections of 40 or 50 books are placed in the primary and graded schoolrooms for five months at a time, which circulate freely.

FALL RIVER. The generous appropriation of $26,000 by the city council in the year 1908 permitted the purchase of more books than usual, — the net increase being 2,740, — and the expenditure of

more money in other directions, tending to the increased usefulness of the library. The special appropriation of $2,000, also, was used for making much-needed additions to the shelving capacity of the stack room. The reduction for the current year in the amount appropriated has necessitated a curtailment in the purchases of books and in other expenditures which the trustees feel are desirable. The branch delivery stations, though not circulating directly as many books as was expected, have contributed to the largely increased circulation of the central library. It is hoped to establish reading rooms in connection with these branch delivery stations, but it must be postponed until the city can increase the library appropriation. The circulation increased 34.7 per cent over the preceding year. The percentage of fiction circulated was 77.3. The placing of new books on the open shelves, for examination by readers, has been an important factor in the large increase of circulation, and also in a marked improvement in the class of books issued.

FALMOUTH. During the year more than 450 volumes were added to the central library, with a gain in circulation of 2,065. Nearly one-half this gain in circulation was of non-fiction. The deliveries at Waquoit and East Falmouth have shown an increase in circulation, and the reading room has continued to do its good work, with a steady increase of readers.

Woods Hole Social Library. The townspeople have raised $1,600 toward a building, and purchased a lot; summer residents have raised $8,000, and agree to make the amount up to $10,000.

FITCHBURG. The Fitchburg Woman's Club presented a valuable oil painting, "The Breaking Up of Winter," by Enneking, to the art department. Special teachers' cards are issued to public school teachers, on which 6 books at a time are allowed; class room cards, also, are issued, which allow 25 books to be taken for the use of the pupils. Some of the older reference books are loaned to the high, grammar and normal schools for an indefinite time. The experiment of conducting a branch in the grammar school at West Fitchburg, under the care of the principal, has proved successful. The extension of this work to other schools is favorably considered.

FRAMINGHAM. A town meeting on Sept. 15, 1908, voted $800 for repairing and reinforcing the heating and ventilating apparatus at the library building. The library and the books have been cleaned also. The number of books added during the year was 840. At an adjourned town meeting, on March 16, 1909, an appropriation of $700, and the unexpended balance of $86.15 from the amount appropriated for improving the heating, was voted for the extension of the shelving facilities, by concreting the basement floor and finishing off rooms. An appropriation of $1,375 was made to purchase furniture, fixtures, books and periodicals for the branch

library and reading room in the new high school building at South Framingham, and $900 for the cost of maintenance for the current year.

FRANKLIN. Several periodicals were presented to the reading room. The children's department in the Ray Memorial Library reports 155 books added, making a total of 1,942. Many children came to the library Saturday mornings to read the magazines. The young people of all the public school grades were favored with lectures and recitals in the library during the year.

GEORGETOWN. The library was at last moved into the new building in July, 1909, after many annoying delays. Owing to the large expenses of the past year the trustees have been unable to purchase any new books. They recommend to the town that all receipts from the rental of Library Hall, after paying the janitor, be added to the book and expense fund, instead of being turned over to the town treasurer, and as the town has no town hall, and uses Library Hall for meetings, they see no reason why they should not charge the town as well as other organizations.

GILL. No purchases of books have been made during the year, but the library at the center has received 53 volumes. The will of Hollis M. Slate of Athol, probated in September, 1909, gives to the town of Gill, at the death of the testator's wife, a tract of land in the middle of the town for a site for a public library, and also $8,000 for providing a building thereon, to be called the Prentice Slate Memorial Library.

GLOUCESTER. Village Hall Library, Annisquam. The Village Hall Association donated $100 during the year. A simple card system, for delivering and recording books, has just been introduced. The social feature of serving tea on Monday afternoons has proved enjoyable, and is continued. The free circulation of books to the school children of the village is the chief element in the administration; to all others the subscription system applies. All the services, including the librarian's, are gratuitous.

GOSHEN. The will of the late Miss Emogene Pynchon of Chesterfield left to the town of Goshen, for the benefit of its public library, the proceeds, either by sale or otherwise, of the land she owned in Goshen. The value of the estate is not known. The new memorial building, built by the town and the Congregational Society, jointly, out of the John James fund, is not yet finished, but it is hoped will be by spring. It is 40 by 60 feet, of field stone, and is two stories high. The James family, descendants of the testator of the fund, have contributed $5,000 to the construction of the building, which is to contain a town hall, a library, church parlors and kitchen, and perhaps a gymnasium.

GRAFTON. The most noteworthy book purchase of the year was that of the "New International Encyclopedia," for the reference room.

A course of lectures, given free to the library, has done much to bring the people into closer touch with the library. After eight years of faithful and efficient service, Miss Mabel L. Howe was obliged to decline a re-election, owing to impaired health. Miss Lucy W. Biscoe was chosen to succeed her.

GRANBY. During the year 213 new books have been added to the collection on the shelves. A handsome set of the messages and papers of the presidents of the United States was a gift from Mr. William Smith of Burlington, Vt.

GRANVILLE. The work of the library, both in the main building and in the branches, has been more than ever successful. A sale of the back numbers of magazines and other periodicals was held in March. The "Harper's," "Century," "Scribner's," "Atlantic" and "St. Nicholas" are not sold, but are bound and kept in the library. After being on the reading room table for a month, current magazines are loaned, 1,324 being thus circulated during the past year. M. T. Gibbons has given 40 books and M. B. Whitney 6. The Library Club held its annual fair Oct. 29, 1909, and netted about $275.

GREAT BARRINGTON. An increase of nearly 2,000 in the circulation at the library in the main village is reported. During the year a new tin roof has been put on the extension at the rear and other improvements made. The loan department has proved successful, and 168 books have been purchased from the receipts, of which 78 have been put into the main library. Charles Pierce of New York has donated a facsimile of the last historical letter written by Abraham Lincoln, which has been framed and hung in the small reading room. During the year 113 books have been presented.

Ramsdell Public Library, Housatonic, opened in June, 1908, has made a great success, and 545 books were added, of which 144 were gifts. The will of Mrs. Marilla H. Tullar of Great Barrington, probated in September, 1909, left $500 and all her books to the Ramsdell library. The Western Massachusetts Library Club held its fall meeting on October 13 at this library.

GREENFIELD. The new library building, described in the last report, was opened to the public Jan. 10, 1909. As rebuilt, it looks outwardly substantially as it did when completed by Jonathan Leavitt in 1794. The stack rooms provide for 50,000 volumes. The second floor provides an ideal study room, extending along the whole front of the building and containing nine windows. Henry Myrick of Washington, a native of Greenfield, gave a complete file of the "Franklin County Democrat," a former weekly paper of Greenfield; Edward H. Hollister gave a memorial to the son of Jonathan Leavitt; Miss J. M. Lamb gave 43 unbound volumes of the "Atlantic Monthly," which makes the library's set complete.

The Western Massachusetts Library Club held its eleventh annual meeting in the library on June 10, 1909.

Greenfield Library Association. The committee appointed to arrange a settlement of the various interests in the wills of Mrs. Maria Hosmer, George H. Hovey and Mrs. Nancy Hovey, mentioned in the last report, secured $3,000 from the executor of the first-mentioned.

GROVELAND. The year has been unusually successful, with steadily increasing interest in the library on the part of the townspeople. Miss Louise F. Cammett resigned as librarian, after nearly six years of service. Miss Helena M. Nickerson, Miss Cammett's assistant, has been promoted to fill the vacancy. The library shelves are nearly full, and it is probable that before another year additional stack room will have to be provided.

HADLEY. Several gifts to the historical room are reported, largely old papers, deeds, etc. Mrs. Harvey C. Piper has presented more than 30 books, — poetry, history and story; Rev. Charles A. Wight has given his recent publication, "The Book of Hatfield," containing many fine illustrations and interesting chapters in the history of the daughter town. The "Massachusetts Quarterly" has been added to the periodicals on the reading tables.

HALIFAX. In the new library building, described in the last report, about 500 volumes have been gathered since the fire which destroyed the former library. A handsome contribution to the list of books, from the Free Public Library Commission is acknowledged.

HAMILTON. A reading room in connection with the library is much needed. The circulation shows a gratifying increase, and the interest in the magazines is greater than ever before. The schools make good use of the library, by selecting books suitable for their respective grades and circulating them among their pupils.

HAMPDEN. The bequest of $500 by the will of Mrs. Joanna Burleigh Hunt, mentioned in the last report, has been paid over to the town, with accrued interest. A fine office chair for the librarian's use has been presented by Miss Katharine P. Loring of Pride's Crossing, and books have been given by the Free Public Library Commission. Books are lent to teachers and pupils as they wish, to supplement school work, with practically no time limit.

HANOVER. Miss Alice S. Bailey, who had been for nine years the efficient librarian, resigned during the past year. Miss Bessie M. Sproul has been appointed her successor. The circulation for the year has exceeded that of any previous year, and some 200 volumes have been added to the catalogue, making a total of nearly 6,000. The trustees hope to be able to print a catalogue soon.

HANSON. The original library is in two parts of the town, designated as the North Branch and South Branch. The north division has

two smaller branches, the Maquan and New State, and the southern division has a delivery from the home of the librarian, where a few books are kept and loaned. Nearly 400 volumes have been added during the year.

North Hanson Library Association. Membership fees, fines and the rental of Thomas Hall, which the association owns, are the only sources of revenue; and, with the exception of repairs on the hall and maintenance, all is spent for books.

HARDWICK. The Paige Memorial Library has been presented with a fine oil painting of Lucius R. Paige, who was a resident of that village and founder of the library. The picture was painted by Miss Annie Louise Ruggles of Norwich, Conn., a native of Hardwick and a summer resident. This is the second painting of Mr. Paige which Miss Ruggles has made and presented to the library. The first one was destroyed in the fire which burned the high school and library, then in one building, on Feb. 5, 1905.

Gilbertville Public Library. This library is maintained and supported by the George H. Gilbert Company, which supplies new books and supplies, provides a room in its office building and pays the librarian. The library has 1,522 volumes at present. Teachers are given the privilege of taking 5 books at a time, and books of their selection are bought for use in school work.

HARVARD. A new card catalogue and shelf list have been made. There are no branches, but a box of books is sent each week to Still River.

HARWICH. Chase Library, West Harwich. The number of books has increased from 1,350 to 1,690. The library has no aid from the town, but donations for the year have amounted to $100. Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson, who founded and for several years supported the library for the benefit of the children in the Sunshine Club, organized by her, still continues to perform the duties of librarian, without any compensation. Teachers are allowed to take as many books as they wish and keep them as long as they may need for reference work.

HATFIELD. The Cutter author numbers are being substituted for the old Dewey system of numbering. The librarian believes a thorough subject catalogue, of a character readily comprehended by the average reader, is needed. A mass meeting of the Hatfield women, under the auspices of the Book Club, was held in the town hall October 21, to form a library building association. An entertainment was given in the academy hall for the benefit of the new association, and about $75 netted.

HAVERHILL. The year's circulation shows a gain of 20,047, or 11 per cent, over the preceding year. In the same period, 3,067 volumes were added, of which 324 were gifts. A systematic attempt to strengthen the useful arts and scientific side of the library was

made by buying, each month, the best books on a special industry, the beginning, naturally, being in the purchase of everything relating to leather and shoe manufacturing. Recent books in French and Italian and a few in the Scandinavian languages were bought. Some desirable items for the Whittier collection were bought from second-hand dealers and at auction. The collection of prints was enlarged by several reference books and by sets of engravings bought at auction or in second-hand shops. Many mounted pictures were added to the collection of inexpensive pictures for circulation, which now numbers at least 12,000 pieces. The stereoscopic views were placed upon the open shelves and proved popular; many new sets were bought. Some additions were made to the music collection, and a separate music catalogue was compiled. Work with the schools was similar to that in former years; the circulation in this department showed just about the same percentage of gain as that for the whole library. In the reference department everything possible was done to help the student, workman, study club or chance inquirer. Study clubs held 11 meetings at the library, for each of which an exhibit of pictures and books usually was made. During the agitation for a new city charter all the printed information on reformed city government was obtained, also copies of the charters of all cities under "commission" or "reformed" government. The number of volumes bound was 1,624, at an average cost of 67 cents per volume. The work of the branches continued to show favorable results. The number of distribution points for books, outside the main library and including schoolrooms, is approximately 81. Five numbers of an 8-page bulletin were issued and distributed; lists of the French and Italian books were sent to clubs and individuals of those nationalities, to schools in the foreign section of the city and to evening schools. In every possible way the effort was made to acquaint everybody in the city with the resources of the library, and to induce them to utilize these resources. The cost of the extensive repairs to the building, mentioned in last year's report, amounting to about $3,400, was paid by the trustees from unrestricted funds held by them, without calling on the city for an appropriation, — a sinking fund to replace the amount so used being established from the income of the funds.

HEATH. A card catalogue has been introduced.

HINGHAM. Nantasket Library. Scholars are encouraged to bring lists for courses of reading for the year to the librarian, who marks those available in the room. The library is supplied with all the better magazines. Its use as a reading room steadily increases, especially among the young people.

HOLBROOK. A year of substantial prosperity is reported. The trustees acknowledge with thanks the gift to the reference room, by

Mrs. E. Newton Thayer, of a large, handsome oak table and four study chairs, and the present by another lady of two bas-relief casts of singing boys, from the originals by Luca della Robbia. On the south wall has been hung a striking portrait of Mr. Elisha Niles Holbrook, the bountiful benefactor of the library. In addition to his gifts last year of $500 for the enlargement of the library room, and of $200 for current expenses, as mentioned in last report, Mr. E. Everett Holbrook, at the opening of 1909, gave the library bonds to the value of $6,000, the income to be applied to the furtherance of the interests of the library in the discretion of the trustees, on condition that the town annually appropriate not less than $300, in addition to the dog tax, thus adding to the liberality already shown by himself and his sisters in carrying out the purposes of their father in his endowment of the library.

HOLDEN. In the twenty years since the gift to the town of the Damon Memorial building, by the Hon. S. C. Gale of Minneapolis, 119,734 books have been taken for home use, and the rooms have been a source of great enjoyment and profit.

HOLLAND. A gift of some 35 books from friends, sent through the Free Public Library Commission, has added fresh and acceptable material to the stock on the shelves. The library takes and circulates the "Scientific American," the "Christian Herald" and "The Outlook."

HOLLISTON. A constantly increasing interest in the library is reported; larger attendance in the reading room and satisfactory results from the reference department. The circulation of books of travel has more than doubled and that of biographies has increased largely. Under the conservative policy of the trustees in the purchase of fiction the percentage in this department has fallen to 70 per cent. The congested condition of the shelves necessitates an enlargement in the near future. The income of the Bullard fund has been drawn upon for much-needed repairs, to the amount of $140.

HOLYOKE. During the past year the working hours of the assistants have been rearranged, so as to give them more freedom, without injuring the library service. Attention has been given to the selection of books which deal with the paper and textile industries, gas, electrical and steam engineering, automobile construction and management, present-day social and governmental problems, civic improvement, preparation for the civil service, professional medicine, and to books in such foreign languages as are natively spoken by considerable portions of the population of Holyoke.

In the children's department an extra assistant has been allowed during the rush hours, but even so it has been most difficult to cope with the trying conditions there. An innovation in this de-

partment has been the story hour Saturday mornings during the winter months.

HOPEDALE. The trustees make the suggestion that every citizen who can deposit in the library any manuscript or printed matter of any kind which contains any mention, direct or indirect, of Hopedale, should do so and thus add to the value of the library as a depository of historical material. Electric lights have been installed, a new stack for the history alcove procured, and the work of classifying and rearranging the government documents completed. The circulation, both in the adult and in the children's departments, has been larger than ever before, and the work with the schools has been effective and satisfactory. A number of additions to the loose-leaf album of photographs, mostly of Hopedale as it was many years ago, have been made. The fifth annual exhibition of amateur photography was held in December and was very successful.

HOPKINTON. The residue of the estate of Mrs. Sarah B. Crooks, who died Sept. 26, 1904, has been paid over to the trustees, amounting to $8,158.98, which is additional to the $5,000 previously paid over. The library opens especially for the school children on Monday afternoons, to enable them to use the reference books.

HUBBARDSTON. The library was closed three weeks on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever, and 14 books that had been in families where the disease existed were burned. As an experiment the library was kept open Wednesday evenings during November and December as in summer, and, proving successful, will be continued. The schools continue to make large use of the library in their work.

HUDSON. The year's work has shown that the library is appreciated by the public and is doing a good work, but the reduction in the appropriation by the town prevented the purchase of as many books as would have been desirable. The librarian's report shows that while the circulation is far above the average of towns in the Commonwealth of the same population and valuation as Hudson, the appropriation by the town ($1,645.27, including half the dog tax) is far below the average of the resources of those towns, which is $2,229.72. Work with the schools continues to be important, and could be much improved if the library could be kept open every day. The reference room continues to increase in popularity and usefulness.

HUNTINGTON. The library was catalogued in the fall of 1909 by Miss Ella Wood of Boston, an expert sent by the Free Public Library Commission. The card catalogue will be a great aid to the librarian and a convenience to the public. Miss Catharine Donohue has been engaged as librarian. "We keep up the interest in our library by buying the latest and most popular books of

good fiction, travel and biography. Our means are small, but we manage to have the principal books of the year."

HYDE PARK. The trustees print a table of statistics from the report of this commission two years ago, showing the populations and library circulation of the cities and towns in the Commonwealth having a population of 13,000 to 15,000. The result is very favorable to Hyde Park, which has not only the largest circulation of any of these places, but the circulation per capita is 5, compared with the next best, which is 4.3. This year the circulation is nearly 7,000 greater than in 1906, which is still more gratifying. "It is quite safe to say that our large circulation and its excellent character are due in part, at least, to the influence of the Current Events Club and the Thought Club in creating a demand for good literature."

LAKEVILLE. The library is open each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Increasing interest, both of the townspeople and the summer visitors, who are given the same privileges as residents, is reported. The young people are anxious to become card holders on reaching the age limit, twelve years. The vacant librarianship at the south branch, caused by the death of Mrs. Sally Winslow, has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Jerusha Washburn.

LANCASTER. Deposits of books are sent to schools outside the center and thence are distributed to the pupils. The erection of the new town hall, and the removal to it of the selectmen, has made it possible to convert their room into a reading room, which is well adapted to its use, for students and the public. It is fully equipped for evening as well as day service, and almost doubles the value of the library. Two bequests have been received during the year, — one of $500 from Mrs. Vesta A. Jewell, the income of which is to be applied to the purchase of books; the other of $100, from Miss Frances A. Wilder, was used in providing the furnishings for the new reading room. A separate heating system for the library has been installed. Miss Elizabeth Avery has resigned as assistant, and her place has been filled by Miss Ruth H. Townsend of Bolton.

LANESBOROUGH. Two delivery stations have been established in farmhouses, one in the west and the other in the north part of the town. To these houses boxes of books are sent, and the families living in the neighborhood come there for their books. It is proposed to send boxes of books also to the teachers in the outlying districts, to distribute among the school children. The library has been thoroughly cleaned, and a new plan for the arrangement of books has been adopted so far as space permits. A card system of charging is in use. "This year we took out a card from the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, for which we pay $5 per annum. This entitles us to draw out for our patrons 10 books

at a time, and also entitles the Lanesborough people to the use of the library at Pittsfield for reference work, etc." The need of a new library building is pressing. The library is kept in the selectmen's office, a small building where the town safes are kept, so that while the selection of books is very good, and the people use the library constantly, it is impossible to broaden out much until there is a suitable building.

LAWRENCE. The trustees report a steady and healthy growth in every department, especially in the reference and juvenile rooms. In the former, 39,199 books were used. Special collections of books were loaned to teachers in the day and evening schools. Fourteen exhibitions were made by the Library Art Club. The trustees of the White fund presented 26 beautiful framed pictures. The number of books issued from the branch library at South Lawrence was 14,223, an increase of 4,974.

LEE. The library has received in gifts 240 books, has bought 100 and ordered as many more. The patronage has increased considerably since moving into the new building.

LEICESTER. The late Mrs. Frances W. Haven bequeathed one-half of her library to the Leicester Public Library, and 168 volumes, of a miscellaneous character, have been received. Lists of interesting and instructive books on a variety of subjects being studied in the schools have been made up for the use of the teachers. Through suggestions of the teachers, the pupils, in connection with their school work, take out a good many books which otherwise would be passed over. The museum has received many gifts, — some of valuable antiques, — and many books have been given to the branches as well as to the main library. The trustees plan to start soon a collection of music scores of standard operas and oratorios. The need of a children's room is deeply felt, and the trustees talk of fitting up a room in the lower story, now used for the storage of public documents, which will make a commodious and serviceable room for the purpose.

LENOX. On Saturday, March 20, 1909, the remodeled Lenox Public Library was opened. Two rooms have been arranged, decorated and furnished for the use of the children, through the generosity of Mrs. Robert Winthrop of New York and Lenox. Plans are already in preparation for the taking of Sedgwick Hall for an art gallery and museum. This building, connecting with the library building, is owned by the trustees of the library.

LEOMINSTER. The new building, begun last year, as mentioned in the last report, is not yet finished. The library is being recatalogued and reorganized, as a side issue, while the regular work is going on. The catalogue is practically finished. The Newark charging system will be put into use. The circulation for eleven months increased more than 2,100 volumes over the previous year. The

museum has received many gifts, the most noteworthy being seven cases of birds and mammals of unusual beauty and value, some 203 specimens, selected from the collection of the late A. B. Merrill and purchased by popular subscription.

LEVERETT. A card catalogue has been made and a new charging system adopted. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

LEXINGTON. Consignments of books are sent regularly each week to three of the school buildings, the Munroe school having been added to the list during the past year. Reference books are being consulted more, and the trustees are taking special pains to keep this department thoroughly equipped. The library is a veritable people's institute, eagerly used and highly appreciated. A noticeable stimulus has come from occasional lectures in town on literary subjects.

LEYDEN. A generous offer was made in November, 1909, by Mr. A. A. Shattuck, of a site for a much-needed library building. The lot he offers is one of the best in town, just across the road from the parsonage orchard. A card catalogue has been made. Mr. William Barber of Leyden has donated 50 volumes to the library.

LINCOLN. The trustees report a year of normal growth, both in the collection and in the reading habit of the borrowers. They say: "On any correct theory of its use, the public library should supplement the public school, so rounding out a well-considered system of education. In practice, this is so to a very limited extent only; and yet the lack is one very difficult to supply. To supply it, indeed, calls for a knowledge in some one, both of literature and of human nature in its more immature period, not easy to find, especially when accompanied by an unselfish and thoroughly public-spirited devotion to an always unremunerative and often ungrateful and disappointing task. In the hands of such a laborer the Lincoln Public Library would speedily make its influence felt as a great educational factor in the town; but at present there are no apparent indications of such a development." Many gifts of books and periodicals are reported. The building is now in good condition, the repairs mentioned in the last report evidently having been efficacious in curing the trouble experienced from dampness.

LITTLETON. The age for admitting children to full privileges has been changed from twelve to nine years. Teachers and pupils are allowed almost unlimited borrowing privileges; also any patron for study purposes. Books are purchased to supplement school text-books, for all the grades, as well as for the high school. As the attendance during the last half-hour of the evening has been almost nil, the trustees are trying the experiment of closing at 8.30 instead of 9 P.M. The librarian calls attention to the need

of a subject catalogue, to supplement the title and author catalogues already in use.

LONGMEADOW. Town Library. A gift of about 25 books from friends, through the Free Public Library Commission, has been welcome.

Richard Salter Storrs Library. The fund of $5,000, which it was necessary to raise by Oct. 13, 1909, to make effective the conditional gift of the fine old Storrs parsonage mansion and grounds, was completed a day or two before the date named. Many valuable books and pictures go with the property. The building will be maintained as a museum of historical relics, books and papers, and may become, eventually, the home of the town library.

LOWELL. The circulation for the year was 130,628, compared with 113,035 in 1906. Teachers' cards and vacation cards are issued, and teachers are allowed to take books for circulation in the schools, without limit as to number.

LUDLOW. During the year 149 old books were rebound, partly out of the appropriation by the town for this purpose. In January, 1909, 138 volumes were given by the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates. The committee on antiques, relics and curios reported the establishment of a collection of pictures of ministers who have served the various churches in town at different times. Many articles of historic interest, books, papers, etc., have been secured.

LUNENBURG. The Ritter Memorial Library building, gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston, begun in September, 1908, will be completed soon. Teachers and pupils of the schools can take as many books as they desire for study, at the discretion of the librarian. A gift of books from Mrs. Carmen of New York is gratefully acknowledged.

LYNN. Deliveries of books are made to the grammar schools, the Young Men's Christian Association, the fire engine houses, the Home for Aged Men, the Home for Aged Women, the Boys' Club and the Women's Rest Room, the five last-named depositories having been established in 1909. The Charles Henry Newhall bequest of $5,000, announced in last year's report, has been received, and a bequest of $1,000 by the will of Mrs. Mary A. Sweetser of Lynn is announced. Among the means employed to make the library useful to the schools are personal attendance in the children's room and the reference room; lists and special collections of books relating to school work; a lecture room for teachers' meetings and classes from the schools; books sent to the schools; photographs and bulletins illustrating art, industry and travel. Bimonthly bulletins of new additions to the library are issued.

MALDEN. The home circulation and use of books has decreased somewhat during the present year; but it is higher than that of any previous year, except that of 1908. It is estimated to show a use of about 4¾ volumes per capita, or about 9½ volumes for each

present card holder. Books are delivered biweekly at seven stations, and deposits of books are maintained at the public schools, at eight Sunday schools and at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.

This library was established as a town library in 1878, and was incorporated by a special act in 1885. It now holds, in addition to its building and book and art collections, invested permanent funds to the amount of $328,500, besides a reserve fund and a parcel of real estate, now rented, contiguous to the library property. The corporation consists of twelve members, three of whom serve for yearly terms as representatives of the city government. The remainder are chosen for terms of three years by the corporation itself. The art collection, the growth of which is ensured by funds of $65,000, occupies two well-lighted galleries, and is an interesting and helpful adjunct to the library.

MANCHESTER. The Manchester Lyceum Library was founded seventy-seven years ago, with about 500 well-chosen volumes, some of which are still on the shelves, as good as ever. From this small beginning the Manchester Public Library has grown to its present fair proportions of over 13,000 volumes. The work with the schools and for the children increases in interest and usefulness. The usual ratio of additions to the collection has been maintained, and the circulation has kept pace with it. The lack of a reading room is felt as a restriction upon the proper development of the institution. T. Jefferson Coolidge, Henry S. Grew and George R. White each gave $15.

MANSFIELD. The trustees expended the money donated by the Old Home Week committee, the larger part being used to buy a bust of Shakspeare and its pedestal, which now occupy a corner of the reading room.

MARBLEHEAD. The library was first opened to the public April 17, 1878, with 3,320 books on its shelves. That number has been increased to more than 18,600 volumes at present. The circulation during the past year was about 8 per cent above the previous figures; the percentage of fiction remains about the same. The card catalogue is very generally used, and to most of the patrons it is helpful. The library has supplied the schools with supplementary reading for several years as well as it has been able to do under the circumstances. The trustees express the hope that the day is not far distant when the town will provide such a building as will be most for the benefit of the work and to the credit of the town.

MARION. A card catalogue has been put into use. A superintending committee of three has charge of the administration of the library. Care is taken in the selection of books so as to get such as will meet the needs of school teachers and pupils. A change of im-

portance to the reading public was the removal of the books, periodicals, etc., from the music hall to the public library building, in February, 1909. A great advantage is gained by the opening of the library every week day, from 3 to 9 P.M.

MARLBOROUGH. The librarian calls attention to the crowded condition of the stack room. A new stack and a glass floor are needed, for which ample room was left when the building was constructed, but the installation was deferred on account of lack of funds. The need of some one person to devote her entire time to the children's room is urged. The rooms are well patronized at all times. About one-third of the copying of the catalogue is completed. On account of the cost of this work, fewer books were bought during the year than usual. The use of the inter-library loan has been a great benefit.

MARSHFIELD. While there has been a slight decrease in circulation, the reading room has been well patronized, and the demand for reference books is steadily increasing. New catalogues have been issued.

MATTAPOISETT. A small brick building has been put up, in which to store the carbide used in the lighting plant. Each teacher in the public schools has, besides her personal card, four for school use, on which books can be renewed three times, thus giving the privilege of keeping the book eight weeks. A large number of gifts have been received, both of books and curios.

MEDFORD. In her report for 1908 the librarian calls especial attention to the problem of the boy in the public library. "The boy, good enough in himself and by himself, multiplied by forty or fifty, in a small room where adults are trying to read or study, becomes a nuisance. We believe the library is a much better place for him than the street corner is; and there is in Medford no boys' club room, no gymnasium, no Young Men's Christian Association, no place excepting out of doors where his surplus energy can find vent. He has out-grown the children's room, and he has our sincerest sympathy; but the librarians also have much need of patience and wise judgment to deal with the problem aright. We want to hold the boy, but not at the expense of the older people; on a table in the delivery room books of all classes which may interest him are placed, and every effort is made to supply his every need." During the year, three young lady apprentices were admitted, and one of them, who has been a kindergarten teacher, is exhibiting a marked aptitude as a children's librarian; she excels as a teller of stories, keeping the interest and quiet attention of the young people for an hour or more.

Some of the teachers of the high school prepared, with a few suggestions from the librarian, a list of books, divided into groups of ten each, suitable for the different grades in that school. This

list is entitled, "Books for pleasant reading — in groups for the use of grades in the Medford high school." A prize is offered to any pupil reading the books of one group, provided a satisfactory résumé of the books read can be given. The books on this list are placed on a shelf, easily accessible, in the delivery room. Quite an interest in them has been shown by the young people. The scholars of different grades are required to commit to memory certain poems.

A contributor to the "Medford Mercury," in an appreciative article, following the return of the librarian, Miss Sargent, from her vacation, says: "Miss Sargent has sought to make the library a positive influence in the intellectual and moral life of the city, rather than a mere storehouse of books.

"This liberal policy, as well as the trained skill with which she has administered her office, has made the Medford library one of the most notable in the country, and an educational agency in the life of the city hardly second in importance to the public schools."

The death of the librarian, Miss Mary E. Sargent, just before Christmas, is a great loss, not only to Medford, but also to the State. Miss Sargent has been a leader in work with children and the schools.

MELROSE. An important change in administration was made June 1, when the open-shelf system, adopted when the present building was occupied, was abandoned, — with regret on the part of the trustees, who found themselves forced to take this step on account of the large and increasing loss of books, amounting to about 600 in the previous year. In spite of this radical change, the circulation was only 585 less than under the freer system. The duplicate pay library, having proved successful financially, is being continued, as is the special loan system for the high school. Valuable additions have been made to the reference department, and the juvenile department is growing in patronage and interest.

MENDON. The circulation, 5,590, exceeds 1907 by 1,209, or more than 20 per cent. The circulation of non-fiction shows a gratifying increase. The work of cataloguing is progressing well. The demand for reference books is increasing.

METHUEN. The library has received the gift of $500 during the year from Mrs. David Nevins, for the purchase of books.

MIDDLEBOROUGH. The year's circulation shows a gain of 8,359 over 1907. This means more than 7 books to every man, woman and child in the town. Boxes of books have been sent to two schoolhouses in outlying districts (Soule Street and Wappanuckett), and this service probably will be extended to other schools. The books are in care of the teachers, and the pupils are encouraged to use them.

MILFORD. The use of the reading room shows a handsome increase, and the circulation made a gain for the year of more than 15 per cent over 1907.

MILTON. Sending out notices for overdue books has been given up, except when books are overdetained four weeks, in which case a notice is sent to recover the book. This method works well, as it puts the responsibility of oversight of books issued upon the borrower, and saves labor and postage to the library. The children's librarian makes frequent visits to the schools, and deposits of books are sent to schools each month. The librarian suggests, as a means of making a small library most useful and attractive: "Fewer rules and more hospitality; open shelves; no age limit; no restriction as to number of books issued, except new fiction. Make the people feel that the small library is as near a private library as it is possible to make it, and that it belongs to them."

MONROE. Want of funds prevented the library committee from ordering new catalogues, which are much needed. One bookcase has been added to the library at Mrs. W. J. Ellis's, at "the bridge." The librarians' services are gratuitous.

MONSON. At the annual meeting of the library association, in March, 1909, a prosperous condition of affairs was presented. The librarian's report showed the total number of volumes to be 10,343, which is a gain of 430 over last year. Of this gain, 380 were acquired by purchase, 50 by gift. The library has been open to the public 305 days in 1908, during which time 9,945 persons used the reading room, which is a gain of 1,258 over last year. The total circulation showed an increase of 643. Fifty-nine magazines and newspapers have been on file for public benefit.

MONTAGUE. Town Library. The active and cordial co-operation of the teachers in the public schools is gratefully acknowledged. The librarian makes every effort to interest the younger readers in the best literature. At the suggestion of one of the State trustees of the new agricultural school, the library has been opened during the noon hour, one day in the week, so that those in the outer districts may have the benefits of coming themselves to the library for their books, instead of depending on teachers and others.

Miller's Falls Branch. Mrs. Mary P. Wells-Smith sent one of her books; the committee on the old folks' dance gave one-half of the net proceeds. The Free Public Library Commission, on presentation of the needs of the library, sent two card catalogue cases with the indices; the Miller's Falls Paper Company gave 5,000 blank cards for them. There are 12 magazines on the reading table.

Carnegie Library, Turner's Falls. In 1880 the Turner's Falls Library began saving and binding several of the leading magazines, and these volumes are now among the most valuable features of

the collection. One of the best things done in the past year, say the trustees, has been the purchase of the "Readers' Guide," which is an index of the leading articles that have appeared in these magazines. Another feature added during the year is the filing of the "Springfield Sunday Republican," with a complete index to each issue. The trustees have begun to purchase stereographs, the first installment of which, some 100 in number, comprises views in most of our new possessions, — the Panama Canal, the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, etc. It is proposed to add to these views from time to time. The establishment of a picture department, which has been found interesting and useful in other libraries, is proposed when time and funds will permit. "Harper's Weekly" for 1858–65, inclusive, covering the whole period of the civil war, and containing illustrations of most of the battles and many of the officers of both armies, has been presented by Mrs. B. W. Mayo; post cards of public libraries from Maine to California, over 150 in number, have been given by friends; yearly subscriptions to "The Outlook," the "Independent" and the "Saturday Evening Post" have been donated by others, and Bancroft's "History of the Pacific Coast," 42 volumes, has been presented by A. W. Esleeck. The Carnegie Library building has been occupied three years, and some repairs and additions are found to be desirable; also some additional furniture for the children's room. A new classified catalogue, also, is much needed. Ex-Representative Henry B. Barton of Riverside and his sister, Mrs. R. W. Boynton of Buffalo, N. Y., have loaned to the museum department of this library their collection of Indian relics, gathered by members of the family.

NAHANT. The library has many papers, photographs, pamphlets, etc., relating to old Nahant. This collection is in part displayed about the rooms, and is interesting and valuable. All articles in the "Lynn Item" relating to Nahant are clipped and arranged chronologically in scrapbooks. All photographs of general interest are secured when possible. The library this year placed in circulation duplicates of the most popular fiction. Many well-written books of travel are provided, and readers are attracted more and more to this class of reading. The library has purchased stereoscopic views of the Yellowstone National Park. The percentage of fiction in the circulation decreased from 58.54 in 1907 to 56.51.

NATICK. Morse Institute. Home circulation increased 3,697 volumes. The reference department shows corresponding growth, and the customary additions have been made to the collection. The small collection of music is much appreciated and requests for more are numerous. The young people's library has been used to its utmost capacity. The overhauling of the heating apparatus and

the addition of more radiators have increased the comfort of the building.

NEEDHAM. On April 1, Mrs. Riella J. Dunn, for twenty years librarian, resigned, and Miss Ella R. McDowell, a Simmons College graduate, for several years an assistant in the library, was chosen librarian. In July the library was removed from the high school building to the town hall. The floor space is lessened, but the use of the library has increased, showing that the new location is considered more convenient than the old. Among the gifts acknowledged were one of 178 volumes from Cyrus W. Jones of Needham and one of 328 volumes and many magazines from the estate of the late George Fellows Bean of Wellesley. The classification has been revised, and the Cutter author numbers assigned to all the books. About 30 books, which are changed as often as desired, are placed in two of the schools farthest from the center. During the year a catalogue has been prepared and a duplicate card catalogue made.

NEW BEDFORD. The new library building, progress on which was noted in last year's report, will be ready for occupancy early in 1910. Over 8,000 books were added during the year, and the percentage of fiction circulated further decreased by about 10. Collections of samples of textiles made in New Bedford mills, and of materials, pictures and prints relating to the whaling industry, have been interesting additions. The librarian has continued his instruction to the Harrington school classes on the use of the library, for the eventual benefit of the teachers who graduate from that school. The opening of the West End reading room in the city building, at Kempton and Cedar streets, has been a much-appreciated improvement. A collection of books has been placed there for distribution. Over 100 manuscript genealogies, the gift of Miss Emma E. Peirce, have been received.

The trustees, at a meeting on March 26, 1909, decided to have sample pages made of the field books of surveyors Crane, Hammond and Smith, and submit to the board, for further consideration, the proposition to reproduce these valuable records in a form to be of service and for permanent preservation. They contain records of surveys and layouts of old Dartmouth from 1710 to 1793, and their value is inestimable. These books, 14 in all, — 11 of Crane, 2 of Hammond and 1 of Smith, — are now in the possession of the library, in a fair state of preservation, with the exception of a few missing leaves, and can be reproduced at the present time without great difficulty.

NEW MARLBOROUGH. The destruction by fire of the town hall, on March 6, 1909, burned nearly all the books belonging to the library. At present there are only about 200 volumes available for

circulation at the town library. The town hall is being rebuilt, and the library will probably have a room in it. Gifts of books from the Free Public Library Commission and about 70 volumes from friends through the commission have been sent to Mrs. Doncaster at Hartsville.

NEWBURYPORT. During the year an accumulation of government publications, which were not needed for the library, has been returned to Washington (some 2,390 volumes), and the space thus cleared will be very useful. The home circulation has been the largest in the history of the library. The reading room, as always, has been greatly appreciated and freely used. It is more amply supplied with periodicals than ever before. Complaint is made of mutilation or theft of the matter on the tables, especially pictures. The will of Charles W. Bradstreet of Cambridge left $1,000 to the library.

NEWTON. The limit of 2 books to a borrower has been removed. Teachers are allowed a practically unlimited number of books, and classified, annotated and graded catalogues are supplied to the schools. Besides the seven branches, there are now four delivery stations, Oak Hill and Chestnut Hill having been added to the number during the year.

NORFOLK. To make the library more helpful and useful to the schools, it is opened in the afternoon at the hour when the schools are dismissed. The magazines are loaned for home use in connection with books, 1 magazine to a book.

NORTH ADAMS. A handsome sign, supported by artistic ironwork, has been placed in front of the Houghton Memorial building, which houses the library. A good use has been found for the income of the Babbitt fund in the purchase of the "National Dictionary of Biography." During the year 2,276 books were added, of which 200 were for the Blackinton branch. The library has been gradually making a collection of attractive editions of standard authors; the works of Aldrich, Dickens and Ik Marvel having been added during the year. The circulation was the largest in the history of the library. The books discarded were sent to the city farm, the Notch and East Mountain districts, the firemen and the Young Men's Christian Association. Talks are given to pupils of the high school and the upper grades of the grammar schools on the use of the library.

NORTH ANDOVER. The treasurer of Phillips Academy has turned over to the library two funds of accrued interest from the gifts made by the late Hon. Samuel Phillips of Andover, as follows: for educational periodicals, $1,342.48, — $1,200 to be a perpetual fund; the rest, with yearly interest, to be used. For religious books, $1,093.27. Teachers are given unlimited use of the library, and loan books to pupils living at a distance.

NORTHAMPTON. A folio of plates of "Beautiful and Curious Birds of the World," also "Birds of Eastern North America" and "A Naturalist in the Magdalen Islands," have been presented by Dr. William P. Parker. The pamphlets have been reclassified and arranged under subject-matter. Miss Martha F. Gere, first assistant librarian, was forced by illness to resign, and Miss Grace E. Harlow was promoted from second assistant. The circulation largely exceeded that of the previous year.

Forbes Library. The book fund, turned over to the trustees at a valuation of $292,565, has increased, by the appreciation in the securities placed in the trust, to a value of over $315,000. The issue of books for home use has noticeably increased. During the year 2,207 books have been condemned as worn out, 3,465 volumes purchased and 305 presented, making a total of 109,661 books in the library. The picture collection has grown to nearly 90,000 pieces.

The trustees urge that the shelving asked for last year be furnished as soon as possible, and that cases be provided for the photographs in the art department. The library trustees adopted a regulation closing the library to all Smith college students, except those who pay a registration fee of $5. During May and June an exhibit of color reproductions of famous paintings was made in the upper hall, and attracted many visitors.

Lilly Library, Florence. A pay collection of fiction has been added, the books being loaned at 2 cents a day. Books specially helpful to the schools are provided, and special attention is given to reference work.

NORTHBOROUGH. The tall clock, which for many years had been in the stack room, has been put in order and placed in the reference room. A brass plate upon it says it was formerly the property of Rev. Peter Whitney, second minister of Northborough, 1767–1816, and was presented to the library by Prof. John Minot Rice. Miss Cora Small, the recording secretary of the Board, has prepared a "History of the Northborough Free Library," — a thorough account of all the free libraries of the town, the earliest of which dates back to the latter part of the eighteenth century.

NORTHBRIDGE. The circulation for the year shows a trifling decrease from the previous year. Of the books loaned, 86.1 per cent were fiction.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. An extra appropriation of $200, made by the town, has been expended in needed repairs and the redecoration of the rooms. A new registration has been made and new cards issued, for the first time since the opening of the library.

NORTHFIELD. The library has received $2,000 from Mrs. Mary and Eliza Belcher.

NORTON. The Misses Fannie and Chloe Braman have left the library their house, together with its furnishings and the small lot on which it stands. The estate is not yet settled, but the value of the gift will be over $4,000. Branches at East Norton and Barrowsville, and delivery stations at two schoolhouses, a store and two dwellings, have been established. Teachers are allowed books without limit as to number or time, and may loan them to pupils at their discretion. The teachers have been found the best means of reaching the people in the outlying districts, and they are allowed a certain amount of fiction, which they may distribute among adults in those districts. In addition the library hires two carriers to deliver books in the most remote parts of the town.

NORWOOD. Not only has the circulation increased as never before, but the reading room has been exceptionally well patronized, and the co-operation of the schools with the library has become closer and more helpful than ever. During the few weeks early in 1909, when the pupils were preparing their essays on Lincoln, every book relating to him was withdrawn from circulation and placed on the tables for reference, with the librarian and her assistant always ready with suggestions for their use. Instead of buying books twice a year, monthly purchases are made, thus securing fresher publications and making the work of cataloguing more even. The substitution of electric lighting for gas is a great improvement.

OAK BLUFFS. The number of books has been increased by 41 volumes purchased and 140 given by summer residents and visitors. Several improvements have been made, the reading room supplied with a good assortment of fresh periodicals and all running expenses paid, yet a good balance remains in the treasury. The town appropriation of $250 was supplemented by several gifts from friends and by the proceeds of two dramatic readings, given by Leland Powers and Arthur Fischer; a series of piano recitals, given by Miss Estella Newhaus, and a sale by the students of the grammar school. More shelf room is needed for the coming year. The Browne charging system has been adopted, and a card catalogue is being made. The gift of a "New International Encyclopedia" is acknowledged.

ORANGE. The dog fund, unusually large last year, enabled the trustees to buy more books than usual, and also a lot of fine stereoscopic views. The establishment of a duplicate pay collection of new fiction has been begun on a small scale.

OTIS. Since removal to more central and commodious quarters, as mentioned in last year's report, the library has been more popular and useful. Gifts of tables, chairs, stoves and books from James A. Rice of Lee, Mrs. Helena Day, Mrs. Alice Strickland and Mrs. P. H. Norton of Otis are acknowledged. Books were also

received from the Free Public Library Commission. One of the trustees is preparing a title and a card catalogue. The pastor of the Congregational church has given a good deal of gratuitous and much appreciated service in superintendence, care of the grounds, indexing and cataloguing.

OXFORD. The library has received many gifts of books, pictures, relics and curiosities.

PALMER. The librarian reports a lack of works on government, economics, sociology, ethics and science, and appeals for the means to increase the equipment along those lines. In January, 1909, a branch was established in the new recreation building at Three Rivers, and the books there have circulated well. Branches will be established at Thorndike and Bondsville as soon as arrangements can be perfected. The circulation of the year has been the largest in the history of the library. The library is opened on Sundays from 3.30 to 6 P.M. and from 7 to 8 P.M. The Palmer Woman's Club in August placed at the library the "travelling health library," so called, containing 30 books and 32 pictures; the books being circulated.

PAXTON. The will of Mrs. F. W. Haven of Worcester gave 146 volumes to the library.

PEABODY. The accessions of the year have included a remarkably interesting variety of books. The circulation has been the largest in the history of the library. The entire reclassification of the library along modern lines is one of its most pressing needs. The installation of a steam-heating plant and the change from gas to Tungsten electric lights in the reading room are improvements that have added to the comfort and convenience of patrons.

Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library. The librarian reports 802 consultations and 319 visitors; 72 volumes added. The need of renovation of the interior and of more shelf room is apparent.

PELHAM. The delivery of books in the western part of the town, noted in last year's report, has been continued. Books are exchanged at the Methodist parsonage in West Pelham and at Mr. C. L. Ward's house at Pelham City. The books in the library have been relisted and 600 catalogues printed. A gift of 30 volumes by friends, through the Free Public Library Commission, is much appreciated, as are the books given by the commission.

PEPPERELL. Mrs. Jennie L. Williams of Brooklyn, N. Y., a summer resident of Pepperell, has presented the library with $100 for the purchase of books.

PERU. The trustees have bought 166 books during the past year; and friends presented, through the Free Public Library Commission, in October, 1909, about 20 volumes; books were also given by the commission.

PETERSHAM. An author card catalogue has been started.

PITTSFIELD. In his annual report, made in June, 1909, Librarian Ballard notes the wonderful changes in library work and in the facilities and activities of the Berkshire Athenæum during the twenty years of his incumbency. He is the only survivor, of all who were officially connected with the library twenty years ago, who is still in its service.

"One of the most important changes to be noted is the gradual opening of the library to the public. In 1889 those who wished to draw books made request for the book desired. Now there are always eight or ten thousand immediately accessible, without the intervention of the library staff; freer and freer access to the stack room has been granted and invited; convenient arrangements for special students have been made, until now every citizen of Pittsfield can use the library as freely and comfortably as if it were his own.

"The result of placing the reference work of the library under distinct and competent management has been striking. The use of the library by teachers and pupils of the public schools has been greatly increased; special work is continually done for these young students, not only in sending collections of books to the schools, in addresses to them and their teachers by the librarian, and in selecting new books with particular regard to their needs, but by personal guidance and help in their daily tasks.

"More unusual, perhaps, is the interest which the library has awakened in the men of Pittsfield. By diligent study and frequent purchase of the books best adapted to help artisans, manufacturers and business men in their work, and by continued advertising and personal invitation, it has come to pass that the tendency toward feminization which existed in 1889, when women and children were almost the only patrons of the library, has been so far reversed that to-day, by actual count, the average attendance of men is greater than that of women."

An addition to the museum of a new wing, the gift of Hon. Zenas Crane, is the chief donation of the year, but many lesser gifts to the museum are reported.

PLAINFIELD. The number of books purchased during the year 1908 was 44; from Feb. 1 to Sept. 15, 1909, 15; presented during 1908, 23; in October, 1909, by friends, through the Free Public Library Commission, 23; total additions since Feb. 1, 1908, 105.

PLAINVILLE. From the town appropriation, furniture, shelving and books have been supplied, and the library now exceeds 1,000 volumes, while the room is comfortably furnished. So great is the popularity of the library that two of the trustees have to assist the librarian each evening in receiving and issuing books. It is expected that afternoon opening, as well as evening, will be necessary this year. Generous donations of books have been received.

The circulation for the year was almost wholly fiction, the records showing only the card use, whereas school teachers and pupils are allowed to use from the shelves. Reference books are needed and will be supplied as rapidly as possible.

PLYMOUTH. The library has received, by the will of Charlotte R. Bearce, $885.99. The ladies of the Book Club have donated 70 volumes of the best fiction, biography and history; many other gifts are reported. Circulation and use of the reading room have increased largely.

PRESCOTT. The success of the branches at the East district and the Hill district is marked. Mrs. Brown and Miss Eva Wendemuth continue to give gratuitous service in the care of the branches. The librarian lives close by the library, and will accommodate those who wish to take out books at any time. About 150 volumes have been bought, the Free Public Library Commission gave some books and about 30 volumes from friends were received in September, through the commission. The small library room is overcrowded and steps must be taken soon to provide larger quarters.

PRINCETON. The gift of 25 books from Mrs. Knapp of Auburndale is acknowledged. Two books at a time — one of fiction and one non-fiction — are allowed a borrower. Three metal stacks have been bought and set up in that part of the building which was occupied by the primary school. The condition of this room necessitated a thorough painting, cleaning and repairing. Extensive repairs on the roof, chimneys, etc., added, made up a total cost of $499 for these improvements. All but $149.61 was paid from the treasury of the trustees of Goodnow Memorial Building.

PROVINCETOWN. Last year the Dewey Classification was adopted and the work has been completed the past summer. A new charging system also has been put into use. Much reference work is done for the schools. With the help of the librarian, teachers and pupils select books for school use, and teachers are allowed unlimited use of books.

QUINCY. The completion and occupation of the fine addition to the library, described in former reports, naturally interfered materially with the routine work, and the library was closed for three months and five days. Circulation of course was decreased for the year, but after the reopening the figures showed good gains over the corresponding periods of 1907. The most attractive of all rooms is the children's department. The little ones are eager and joyous, but more books are needed for them. During the closed time the books and all the old part of the building had a thorough cleaning, and the new charging system was put into effect.

RANDOLPH. The trustees report the need of renovation of the library rooms and the approaches thereto, to conform to the conditions of the donor's deed. The annual examination showed all books

accounted for and everything in good condition. The appointment of a custodian for the reading room has proved very desirable, and the resultant good order has been gratifying to all who use the room for its proper purposes.

RAYNHAM. The town has allotted a larger room to the library. Some changes in the system of cataloguing and delivery of books are to be made when the new room is occupied.

READING. Fiction is being renumbered and a new registration of borrowers is in progress. The circulation increased by 846 during the year, — about 5 per cent. All new books are placed on open shelves, where they may be examined. Many important additions have been made in various classes of reading.

REHOBOTH. Blanding Library. The library receives no aid from the town. The librarian's salary of $25 is paid by the Antiquarian Society. The only other income is from voluntary contributions. There are about 1,800 books in the library.

REVERE. Several valued additions to the historical collection have been given. Special attention is given to the needs of the reference department. The circulation shows a gratifying increase.

RICHMOND. A delivery station has been established at Stevens Corners, in charge of Miss Eleanor Stevens.

ROCHESTER. The teachers in the public schools are allowed to take 25 books, to be kept at each schoolhouse during the term. Books are circulated at North Rochester through the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Childs. A fine collection of pictures of French art has been loaned by the Travelling Library. With the income of the Ryder legacy, mentioned in last year's report, books of special value have been purchased.

ROCKLAND. A fine engraving of Wendell Phillips has been bequeathed by the late Rebecca Pool Collins, and four pictures have been bought for the reading room from the balance of a fund raised at a concert in 1900 for the benefit of the library.

ROYALSTON. The most urgent need of the public library is better accommodations and more room, a separate building being most desirable, as there is no reading room and the book shelves are now full. The number of books in circulation the past year has been somewhat less than the preceding year, owing largely to the removal of families from South Royalston.

SALEM. The circulation for the year shows a gain of 7,814. Gifts totalled 454 volumes and 1,775 volumes were purchased. An installment of $750 on the Cheever bequest and the Mary P. Ropes bequest of $2,335 were received; also an anonymous gift of $250.

SALISBURY. Needed histories and reference books have been purchased during the year, and a 20-volume set of Dickens added. The trustees appeal to friends of the library to send in any pamphlets or other documents of local historical interest. The circulation increases steadily.

SANDWICH. The new Weston Memorial building, a gift to the town by Mr. and Mrs. William Weston's wills, as noted in last year's report, is nearing completion. The librarian, Miss Annie E. Rogers, has taken the summer course at Simmons College the past season, and is to classify and catalogue the library. The Dewey Classification and Browne charging system have been adopted. A bequest of $500 by the will of Nathaniel Nye of Newton has been received. A bequest of $2,000 by the will of Harriet M. Faunce will be available in 1910.

SAUGUS. The trustees once more call attention to the serious handicap under which the library labors in its overcrowded quarters. They suggest as the most feasible and least expensive remedy removal to the second floor of the old town hall, where space for a much-needed reading room could be provided. Various contributions of books are acknowledged with thanks, the chief one being of about 125 volumes from the late James W. Thomas. A decreased appropriation has precluded the purchase of as many books as desirable.

SHERBORN. The trustees note that the school children are becoming card holders and joining the ranks of the constant readers. The same plan of "Good Reading for Boys and Girls," as in two previous years, has been followed the past year, and on September 28 the trustees entertained in the reading room the young people who had read the prescribed number of books. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the successful contestants.

SHIRLEY. Many gifts of books, subscriptions to periodicals, etc., are acknowledged, among them 100 or more volumes donated by the Shakers, whose removal from town takes from the library some of its most valued and appreciative patrons. A valuable hand-made chair was another gift from them. The circulation shows a healthy increase.

SHREWSBURY. An increase of 1,670 in circulation and gifts of 110 volumes are reported. Two picture exhibits have been loaned by the Woman's Education Association.

SHUTESBURY. Special attention is given to work with the schools, and teachers have unlimited use of the books. The trustees gave particular attention to the centenary of Lincoln in February last. A gift of books from the Free Public Library Commission is acknowledged.

SOMERSET. The library has received a bequest of $50 from the estate of Hannah B. Robinson of Somerset. The library has been open two afternoons each week, except on July 4. Books are sent weekly to Pottersville for delivery.

SOMERVILLE. The new branch library at West Somerville, built by a gift of $25,000 from Andrew Carnegie, was dedicated on the evening of May 25, 1909, and opened to the public on the following day. The library has a capacity for 15,000 books. It has

a children's room, general reading room, reference room and a public hall. The stacks, children's room and the reading room are on the first floor, and are all easily visible from the central desk. Miss Nellie M. Whipple, from the central library, has been appointed custodian of the branch. She has three assistants. The number of books is inadequate for the demand; but this number will be increased as rapidly as funds will permit.

About 175 books of music, including operas, cantatas, oratorios, etc., were given to the library by Mrs. E. Aline Osgood-Dexter of Philadelphia. Libraries of 40 or more books are sent to each of the schools desiring them. Special cards are issued to teachers, upon which the books may be drawn, a special school librarian giving her time to the service of the school. The total loss of books from all departments for two years, under the free access system, has been 322, while an inventory taken in 1906, for one year only, showed a loss of 725. During the year there have been 17 art exhibitions, and many books of art have been purchased. The reference room is becoming uncomfortably crowded.

SOUTHAMPTON. Another cabinet has been purchased to accommodate the rapidly growing card catalogue. The Free Public Library Commission supplied an instructor who spent two days in teaching the librarian the best methods of repairing books. Circulation, especially among the children, shows a steady gain.

SOUTHBOROUGH. During the year land has been given to the library as a site for a new building, the need of which the trustees again emphasize in their report. Books are accumulating rapidly, but there is lack of space for them, and the many magazines provided cannot be enjoyed adequately in the congested quarters.

SOUTHBRIDGE. Printed lists are sent out for school children of various ages, a collection of pictures is used by the teachers and printed lists of pedagogical works are provided.

SPENCER. The fiction has been rearranged by the Cutler author numbers. The children have been allowed to come to the stacks, and juvenile books are now placed together. Books are sent to the schools for distribution and the collections changed at the end of each term. The town has an income from a block and a tenement house, which last year amounted to $4,255.23. Of this amount, $1,503.86 was spent for repairs on the buildings and $1,205.78 devoted to the use of the library.

SPRINGFIELD. In last year's report was mentioned a gift of $10,000 to the library from Colonel Rumrill. His will, probated soon after his death, contained a bequest of another $10,000, to found the "Grace Rumrill Department of Music" in connection with the library. Work on the new building was begun April 1, the old building having previously been moved back some 200 feet, necessitating its closing to the public for about three weeks. A few

days before the moving began, on March 25, there was a rush of borrowers to the library, as each was allowed to take out 6 books, which need not be returned till May 1. In one day over 4,000 books were taken out. The library reopened April 15 in its temporary location, such arrangements having been made that the old building can be comfortably warmed and lighted while the new one is in construction on the front of the lot. The contract for the new building calls for its completion in the fall of 1910. For the first time the circulation has passed the half-million mark. During the last decade there has been an increase of 37,050 volumes. During the same period the circulation has increased from 322,581 to 506,731, a jump of 184,150, or more than 50 per cent. But the events which make an epoch in the library's history have been the planning and erection of two of the three branch library buildings given by Andrew Carnegie, and the beginning of work on the new building for the main library.

The branch at Indian Orchard, a one-story building, with basement 66 feet long and 52 feet deep, has a capacity of about 13,000 volumes, which can be increased 7,000 volumes more without enlargement of the building; the reading rooms will accommodate 75 people. The Forest Park branch measures 82 by 52 feet, has about the same book capacity, and seats for 90 readers. Both branches are similar in plan, — the one-room type, — admitting of complete supervision combined with economical administration, and affording an open appearance which is exceedingly attractive. But a measure of seclusion is given the reading rooms on either side of the central delivery room by the columns supporting a beautiful stained-glass dome or skylight, and by low bookcases serving as barriers. A study room and the librarian's office occupy the rear corners. The book room, immediately behind the delivery space, is entirely open to the public; but access past the delivery deck ensures efficient control.

The sum of $1,469.72 was spent in stocking the branches with books, about equally divided between Forest Park and Indian Orchard. The David A. Wells economic library is rapidly increasing, and now comprises about 14,000 volumes, nearly 11,000 of which have been carefully recatalogued and classified. An innovation of practical value is the "current events table." In the delivery room are gathered books dealing with striking events of the day. The reports of the museums of natural history and art, allied with the library, show many accessions to the collections and increasing interest. Last year over 21,000 volumes had to pass through the mending department at the city library, for more or less thorough repairs necessitated by careless handling, wetting, soiling, or disfigurement by pencil marks, etc. The services of at least one employee are required all the time in this work.

STOCKBRIDGE. During the past year the latest and best cyclopedia, the new dictionary of music and a good selection of books in all departments have been bought. It is the intention to devote the funds left to the library by the late Henry Dwight Sedgwick and Miss Alice Byington to the purchase of books in biography and history, and in belles-lettres and poetry, as reflecting the tastes of the donors.

STONEHAM. A month's trial of the experiment of opening the library on Sunday afternoons brought out so small an attendance that it was given up. Since then a desire has been expressed for another trial, and the matter will be taken up again. The library was closed for a week in August to have the furniture refinished. A revolving bookcase has been received from Mrs. M. Louisa Trowbridge.

STOUGHTON. Circulation shows a gain of about 8 per cent.

STOW. Mrs. Isaac Baker of Harvard has presented to the library an oil painting of a part of Stow Lower Common, probably made about seventy-five years ago, and formerly the property of the family of Rev. Jonathan Newell, pastor of the First Parish Church from 1774 to 1830; also a bound volume of sermons, by different ministers, delivered between 1739 and 1816.

STURBRIDGE. Mrs. Horace M. Locke, the efficient librarian for six years, resigned Dec. 1, 1908. Miss Susan L. Haynes is her successor.

SUDBURY. Through the Free Public Library Commission the librarian was able to attend the summer school at Simmons College.

SUTTON. Miss Carrie Averell has succeeded the late Jason Waters, whose death was mentioned in the last report, as librarian of the West Sutton branch. Removal from town occasioned the resignation of Francis Truscott, for twelve years a trustee and librarian of the Manchaug branch. He is succeeded by Benjamin Townley. The Manchaug branch has been removed from its former cramped quarters to a commodious room in the school building.

SWANSEA. Delivery stations have been established at the home of Mrs. Benjamin F. Norton, North Swansea; at the store of Cole Brothers, Swansea Center, and at D. A. Cummings's store, Hortonville, in charge of Mrs. Cummings. Extensive repairs have been made on the stonework of the library building, the expense being borne by Mrs. F. S. Stevens. Teachers are allowed special privileges in taking and keeping books, and the librarian works with the children who visit the library, talking with them about the books they read and getting them to make lists of their favorite authors.

TAUNTON. The East Britannia Street reading rooms are maintained by the library, but no books are delivered, though a small collection of books is kept there for reference. A children's room at the

library, established early in 1908, is open daily, and is much appreciated. The aggregate use of the reference and circulating departments has exceeded that of any previous year. The library course of six free lectures and the 16 exhibitions of pictures have given much pleasure.

TEMPLETON. A branch has been established at Baldwinville, and delivery stations at the post-offices in East Templeton and Otter River.

TEWKSBURY. A complete change in the working force of the library has been made, the librarian and her two assistants resigning. Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell was elected librarian and Miss Grace Farmer assistant, the trustees feeling that economy was absolutely necessary, and that an effort should be made to get along with one assistant. The circulation shows considerable increase. Books have been sent to the Foster and North schools; many books have been rebound, and gifts of books and magazines are reported.

TISBURY. The gift by Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur of a building for the home of the Vineyard Haven Library is the chief item of interest for the year. The building is a one and a half story frame dwelling house, and the donor gives it as a memorial to her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux. Considerable alterations and repairs will be necessary to fit the house for its new use.

TOPSFIELD. A card catalogue is nearly completed. Miss Abby E. Cleaveland, a former resident, has given the library 44 books. Justin Allen, M.D., a member of the trustees from the founding of the library in 1874, left a bequest of $1,000 to the library, the income to be used for the purchase of historical or biographical works; also a considerable number of books from his private library. The trustees again call attention to the need of more room, and suggest a one-story addition, about 20 by 45 feet in size, to the rear of the town hall, as the easiest and most feasible solution of the difficulty.

TOWNSEND. A new system of heating the library and reading room has added materially to the comfort of attendants and patrons. All cartage is done gratuitously by B. & A. D. Fessenden. The class of 1908, Townsend high school, gave $5 to the library, which has been used to buy good reference books. West Townsend continues to receive a free delivery of books each Saturday, the cost being paid by Mrs. C. S. Homer, and I. P. Sherwin & Co. giving the use of their store as a delivery station.

TYNGSBOROUGH. Expenses were unusually heavy the past year, owing to the need of painting the outside of the building; the expiration of insurance policies, necessitating a payment of $89.23 for renewals; and the breaking down of the gas machine, which entailed a cost of $30 for repairs. Eleven of the periodicals on file are donated by friends of the library, and during the year Mrs. Anna

von Rydingsvard of Boston sent 37 volumes, and Miss Marion Bennett gave a beautiful and valuable clock.

TYRINGHAM. The trustees report an endowment of between $50 and $60 from Mrs. Mary Steadman De Long of Schuylerville, N. Y., in memory of her uncle, the late Benoni Steadman of Tyringham. The late Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the "Century Magazine," first suggested the stone library building, and gave the first $100 towards it, and had been a constant contributor to the library every year since he became a summer resident of the town.

UXBRIDGE. The library has received from the estate of Miss Ida Latham $500 as an unconditional legacy. Extensive repairs on the building have been made. A children's table has been placed in the entrance hall, directly in front of the delivery desk, and picture books and dissected maps and puzzles placed there, with which the children have great pleasure. A title finding list, on cards, has been completed, and is kept at the desk to save trouble when borrowers ask for books by titles only.

WAKEFIELD. On Nov. 1, 1909, as a token of their appreciation of nearly a quarter century of faithful service, the Wakefield library trustees presented the retiring librarian of the Beebe Town Library, Mrs. Harriet A. Shepard, with a purse of $200 in gold, which was raised by popular subscription. Mrs. Shepard's successor is Miss H. Gertrude Lee, who has been the librarian of the branch at Greenwood since its establishment in 1904. Mrs. Idabelle F. Studley will have charge of the Greenwood branch. The present growth and increase in use by the public begins to make the need of a new library building imperative.

WALES. A change from a printed to a card catalogue has been made.

WALPOLE. The circulation is the largest in the history of the library. There is a gain in the use of the reading room on Sundays. The East Walpole branch, in the quarters in the Wednesday Club house, generously provided free of cost by the ladies, is proving more than ever successful. Grocerymen convey books to and from this branch and the delivery station at South Walpole, free of charge. Any book of serious character, not in special demand, may be taken for a month on request, and the number of books in non-fiction is not limited. Two novels at a time may be taken, but only one new (seven-day) book.

WALTHAM. The work of recataloguing continued during the year, the Dewey Classification and Newark charging system being in use. The increase in circulation is 49.6 per cent. The percentage of fiction has made a small decrease. The modified open-shelf practice in this library gives satisfaction. The increased circulation naturally has added to the wear and tear on the books, necessitating the rebinding of 1,607. During the past year Mrs. Warner and Miss Andrews have resigned as assistants, their places being filled

by Miss Raymah Smith and Miss Ruth V. Hawkes, both with professional library training.

WARE. Two steel stacks have been presented by one of the trustees. The superintendent of schools has been appointed a member of the book purchasing committee. A brief review of the salient features, with suggestions as to character of contents and purpose, is prepared and pasted into each new book, so as to attract borrowers to a better class of reading. About 100 of the most instructive books are placed on a counter accessible to the public, and these selections are changed from time to time.

WAREHAM. "Teachers and pupils are not restricted as to the number of reference books taken out. Often as many as 50 library books are at the high school at one time. The superintendent and teachers make out lists of books desired for school work, and almost always the trustees buy these books. The newer reference books are kept in a large revolving case, a most desirable adjunct to our little room." There is a delivery station at West Wareham. A stereoscope, with a large number of pictures, has been purchased. The A. D. Makepeace lot has been secured for a library site, one-half the price paid and a note given for the rest, which it is hoped may be cancelled in another year.

WARREN. The circulation was nearly 10 per cent more than in 1907. Of this number, 1,782 were sent to West Warren, where exchanges were made weekly. The will of the late Dr. J. Clarence Cutter leaves many valuable relics from his fine collection to the public library.

WARWICK. The circulation shows an average of 8.8 books to every inhabitant of the town; 160 were added, of which 49 were gifts. Miss R. A. Cook has recently presented 24 attractive books to the children's department.

WATERTOWN. Delivery stations have been established at Ætna Mills and East Watertown. The librarian, alluding to the removal of the children's department to the larger and more isolated room downstairs, urges the need of a children's librarian.

WAYLAND. A steadily growing use and appreciation of the library forms the keynote of the trustees' comment. Especially is this true of the Cochituate branch and reading room.

WEBSTER. The library was recatalogued in the spring of 1909, much volunteer aid being freely given the librarian by friends. The dictionary system was adopted. Small collections of books are sent to the Gore and the North Village schools. Total circulation shows a gain of nearly 4,000 over 1907. Reading room attendance has increased so much that the room is overcrowded.

WELLESLEY. Delivery stations have been established at Wellesley Hills and Lower Falls. In charging books, the due date, instead of the date of issue, is now used. The call number of the book is written

also on the reader's card. The passageways between the stacks and the usual path in the main hall to the reading room have been covered with linoleum.

WELLFLEET. Last year's report mentioned that the prospects for a library building were bright. Several hundred dollars had been collected for a new building. Nov. 19, 1909, a fire destroyed all the books, some 3,500 volumes, with the cases and furniture. The loss is keenly felt, as the circulation was large and growing rapidly, and the library filled an important place in the community. It had been arranged to establish a branch at South Wellfleet, but, unfortunately, no books had been removed thither. The trustees hope that enough books may be collected to start again soon in a small way.

WENHAM. At the annual town meeting in March, 1909, the number of trustees was increased from three to six. The library was closed during the early part of 1908, while recataloguing was in progress, but since the reopening a good circulation is reported. Many worn-out books were dropped and many others withdrawn to be rebound.

WEST BOYLSTON. Several ancient books have been presented by Mrs. William Bruce, and other books and magazines of antiquarian note by Thomas Keyes. The librarian has begun the work of recataloguing and classifying the library, in which work the experience she gained in the Simmons College summer school has aided her greatly. The trustees report negotiations with Andrew Carnegie for aid in securing a new library building.

WEST BRIDGEWATER. During the year the library has been installed in the former Center primary schoolhouse as a permanent location. The cost of removal was met in part by a special town appropriation, but the need of changes in the rooms to be occupied made the expense considerably above the appropriation. Many valuable gifts of furnishings are acknowledged.

WEST NEWBURY. The trustees call the attention of the townspeople to the fact that the library building stands on land owned by individuals, and that twice they have been ordered to move it at once. Arrangements were made with the owners to let the building remain temporarily, but the trustees urge that the town buy a suitable lot for a library site.

WEST SPRINGFIELD. A marked increase in circulation, both in the adults' and the children's departments, is reported. Except fiction, open shelves is the rule.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE. The library is increasing in usefulness. It is the aim of the trustees to add each year such books as patrons demand, and such as will best aid the teachers in their work. The addition of magazines has proved very popular, especially with the children.

WESTBOROUGH. A new plan for distributing new books, according to a waiting list, has been adopted. A deposit of 2 cents is made, and

the person is notified by postal card, the book being reserved three days for such applicant. The total cost of the new library building was $44,860.73. Messrs. Henry and Walker of the trustees, desiring better and more expensive materials than the contracts called for, agreed to be financially responsible for the change. Each contributed $500, and gifts from many other friends made up the required amount, $4,099.85. The furnishings, costing $4,760.88, were provided by contributions. The furniture in Historic Hall was contributed by William R. Warner; that in the trustees' room by Edwin B. Harvey; the bronze lanterns by Mrs. A. Rickey Eames and Miss Ella Rickey, as a memorial of Abner Prentiss; statuary by Miss Genevieve E. Clarke, as a memorial of Mrs. Louise S. Kelley. In the new building the work in all departments has shown encouraging progress. The open-shelf system has been adopted. Work in the children's room and in connection with the schools has been most satisfactory.

WESTFIELD. The report of Librarian Lewis shows that the circulation in 1908 was 16.4 per cent greater than in 1907. Fiction leads, as usual, but fell off from 58 per cent to 55.9 per cent of the total. Last summer a list of books was published and a certificate offered to children who finished reading a certain number of books within a specified time. There were 36 such certificates issued. The deposit station at Pochassic has been abandoned, and the librarian suggests that others might well be established in the outdistricts. Since the new registration started in December more than 1,500 names have been placed in the card index. The new training class started in October with four members. Mr. Lewis speaks of the growth of the work in the juvenile department, and of the enlarged quarters recently provided. Miss Theodora Simmons has been appointed children's librarian. About 450 stereoscopic views have been added to the collection. Mrs. C. C. Story has presented several early volumes of the "Western Hampden Times," completing the library's files. Other files of newspapers of historic interest have been presented. Mrs. Henry Holland has given the library 300 books, and Dr. Mary Smith of Boston has given a fine portrait in oil of her father, the late H. B. Smith, a former director of the Athenæum.

WESTFORD. A children's room has been opened. Books and magazines are sent to the club room of a men's Catholic temperance society in Graniteville. A legacy of $150 has been received from the estate of Mrs. Jennie Reed Wilkins of Milford, N. H. The number of periodicals taken for the reading room has been increased.

WESTMINSTER. The experiment of opening the reading room for two hours on Sunday afternoons was tried for two months, but given up on account of small attendance. Pupils in district schools are allowed to take books for home use from the collections loaned to the schools, the number allowed to the teachers in this way being

unlimited. One great need of the library is an outline course of study, similar to that in public school, carried through the college course, with all books needed to carry it out, for the benefit of those who have to leave school. Joseph Hager of Westminster has given to the library $600, to be known as the Arabella R. Hager fund, the income to be used for English and American history. Several much needed reference books have been added.

WESTON. During the past year the trustees have received from the bequest of Mrs. Abbie J. Stearns the further sum of $865. For the nineteenth consecutive year Mr. Francis Blake has given the library his annual salary as selectman.

WESTPORT. Free Public Library. More shelf room has been added, which is already well filled. A larger room is needed for the growing collection, and the trustees urge that the town should provide a good-sized library room in a new schoolhouse at Central Village, whenever such building shall be erected.

Head of Westport. Westport Public Library. This library, which has been carried on for five or six years by E. W. Burt, M.D., personally, was recently incorporated. In 1840 a number of residents started a library by subscribing for shares at $1 each. Of these original subscribers only Mrs. Peace Snow of Providence survives. The library was opened in the front room of a two-room tailor shop, where it remained for about twenty years. The interest dwindled, and the books were stored in the loft of a store for some years. In the 70s and again in the 80s the library was reopened for brief periods, but again the books were stored, some miles from the village. Of the library's latest renascence and present activities, Dr. Burt writes: "When I came here in 1900, a few of us had the books brought back, and opened the library in a dwelling house. By chance the tailor shop had been bought and moved, and attached to a house, so that the library, after sixty years, was reopened in the very room in which it was born. After two more removals, we were given the use of a small, unoccupied one-room schoolhouse, where the library now lives in what I hope is its permanent home, for last year I induced the town to give us the building. We have five branch libraries: at Horseneck, in care of Mrs. Ephraim Tuff; at Brownell Corners, in care of Mrs. Finch; at South Westport (two branches), cared for by Mrs. Harold White and Mrs. Arthur Tuell, respectively; and at Drift Road, Mrs. D. J. Smith in charge; and we place collections of books in the almshouse, the Sunday schools and the public schools, and also deliver books at the homes of those who are unable to come to the library. Last year I interested some ex-residents of the village and collected money enough to buy a large two-story schoolhouse, to which we added a stage, so we have a place in which we give plays, dances, basket-ball games, etc., to raise money for our needs.

The town is made up of four or five villages, four or five miles apart, each village with its own school, church, etc., and a few hundred residents. We derive much of our money from suppers, etc. Many of our books are rejected books from Attleborough, New Bedford, Taunton and Fairhaven libraries. We circulate from 25 to 35 books a week, mostly to children. For them I procure old illustrated periodicals, in an effort to have a reading room. We also exhibit from time to time, copies of the world's best pictures, and give a yearly exhibition of foreign photographs loaned by the Woman's Education Association."

Westport Point. Westport Point Library. This library, which was established and is maintained by Mrs. Charles Cuthbert Hall of Cambridge, is open every day and evening, except Sundays and legal holidays. The librarian writes: "It has been reported that Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall left the town of Westport $15,000 for the establishment of a library at Westport Point, but there is no truth in the story." This is the librarian's ideal for the small library: "Potted plants, a bright light in the evening, plenty of attractive magazines on the table, and a cordial welcome by the librarian, who always has a story for the children when they ask for one."

WESTWOOD. The card catalogue has been completed. Circulation shows a gain of several hundred volumes. The trustees have provided for the distribution of books in Islington. Regarding magazines, the trustees say that long experience indicates that a better way than circulating them from a library is for four magazines to be taken by as many families and passed from one to another; then a second group might take four other magazines and exchange with the first group, and so on, indefinitely. At the end of the year the collected magazines might be sent to hospitals, asylums or sailors' homes.

WEYMOUTH. Tufts Library. Delivery stations have been established at South Weymouth, Weymouth Center, Nash's Corner, Weymouth Heights, Lovell's Corner, North Weymouth and East Weymouth. Collections of 50 or more books are sent to the schools at a distance from the library several times a year, and teachers are given special privileges as to number and time of books taken out. Borrowers desiring books for special study are entitled to a "student's card," on which 10 books at a time may be drawn. During the year 854 books have been issued in this way. A large number of useful reference works have been added.

Fogg Library, South Weymouth. The Old Colony Club gave $50 to the library, and the South Weymouth Improvement Association gave $421.08.

WHITMAN. The trustees report that they were unable to run the library last year with the appropriation of $2,000. The removal to the new quarters in the town hall required the purchase of some new

furnishings, and fewer books than usual were bought. An additional assistant had to be employed, and the library had to pay rent of $385 to the town for its rooms. The trustees express the hope that more people will avail themselves of the excellent facilities of the reading room.

WILBRAHAM. A gift of 70 volumes from friends has been made to the library, through the Free Public Library Commission.

WILLIAMSBURG. Haydenville Public Library. During the year 450 books have been rebound and all catalogued in good shape, at considerable expense. Additional shelving is needed, and there are many other books that need rebinding.

WILLIAMSTOWN. The urgent need of larger quarters, mentioned in last year's report, was unexpectedly met by an opportunity to rent the ground floor of the White Block, on Main Street. As soon as possible the place was renovated, Tungsten electric lights installed and the books removed thither. Much expense was involved, and the library was closed for two months. A necessary curtailment in the purchase of books and a much smaller proportional decrease in circulation resulted, but the new location is pronounced ideal, and the arrangement as good as anything short of a new library building could be. Besides two large front rooms for stacks, delivery and reading rooms, there is a catalogue room and storage rooms in the rear. The gift of $81.96, from the surviving members of the old Williamstown Musical Association, for the purchase of books on music, is reported.

WINCHENDON. At a special town meeting, June 5, 1909, a vote was passed, unanimously, to accept the offer of $25,000 made at the town meeting in March, 1908, by Charles L. Beals, to build a free public library, the town to furnish a site, dig the cellar and drain and lay the foundation. In a letter to the town, Mr. Beals enclosed a check for $25,000, and specified that the library is to be completed three years from date. It is to be named the Beals Memorial Library, and is to be built under the direction of a committee of three, to be named by Mr. Beals, and any vacancy is to be filled by the remaining members.

Mr. Beals wrote that he hopes a lot more suitable can be found than the one on Central Street, bought two years ago by the town from Hon. Baxter D. Whitney for $4,000, and a committee of five was appointed for that purpose. The town must pay 3½ per cent interest from the time the money is accepted until it shall be wanted by the town to build the library, and the interest is to be added to the building fund. When completed, Mr. Beals is to place in the library a bronze tablet in memory of his wife, father, mother, brother and sisters.

WINCHESTER. Two bequests are noted, — one of $1,000, by the will of Charles W. Bradstreet, the income to be used for the support of the

library; the other of $2,000, by the will of Hon. A. B. Coffin, which will become available some time hence. Two busts, one of Wendell Phillips and the other of William Lloyd Garrison, modeled by the late E. A. Brackett, have been presented to the library. A portrait of the late Hon. A. B. Coffin has been presented by Mrs. Coffin. The card catalogue has been completed and the shelf list typewritten on cards. A telephone has been added to the equipment of the library service. The Browne charging system has been installed in the children's department. Books have been added to the library daily; formerly only once a month. Typewritten lists of additions are posted weekly and annotated lists printed quarterly. Teachers are allowed an unlimited number of books for an indefinite time, for school use, and pupils are allowed extra books for study. During the summer borrowers are allowed to take an extra number of books — not new ones — and keep them longer than the regular period. The cards, however, must be left at the library, to be renewed by the librarian when necessary.

WINDSOR. Mrs. Zenas Crane has presented 12 volumes of new books to the library, and the Free Public Library Commission gave 25 volumes. Catalogues of the library have been printed.

WINTHROP. During the past year a delivery station at Winthrop Beach, where books may be exchanged, has been established. The circulation has been increased also by allowing borrowers to take 2 books on one card, provided that only 1 book be fiction. The centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was observed by an exhibit of Lincolniana, which covered the walls of the exhibition room and proved of great interest to many people. A collection of pictures, china, autographs and other things given by the President and members of his family to Mrs. Rebecca Pomroy, when she was a nurse at the White House, attracted much attention. A frame made to represent a log cabin contained pictures of Lincoln's birthplace and the White House, surrounded by 47 portraits of Lincoln at different periods of his career. This will remain in the library. Other exhibits consisted of newspapers, magazines, broadsides, cartoons, plaster casts, etc., in all 200 portraits of the martyr President. The collection of pictures, posters, maps, etc., which the library has been gathering since its occupancy of the Frost Memorial building, ten years ago, was drawn upon to supplement the Winthrop exhibit in the Boston 1915 Exposition of November and December, 1909. So much interest was shown in this Winthrop collection that during the present year a "Winthrop 1915" exhibition will be made in the "Pullen Poynte" and other rooms of the library. This will show the history of the town in a more complete manner than ever before.

WOBURN. The circulation increased from 51,046 in 1907 to 60,727 in 1908. Besides the repairs and renovation of the building, men-

tioned in last year's report, the paintings in the art gallery were taken down, cleaned and restored, under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Ellen F. Hayden. The work of the library in connection with the high school, and the progress of the children's department, furnish interesting features of the librarian's report. Mr. William R. Cutter, for twenty-seven years librarian, retired from the active management of the library late in 1909, being succeeded by George Hill Evans, late of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Public Library. Mr. Cutter's ripe experience and advice will continue to be at the service of the library, however, in the honorable position of librarian emeritus, to which he has been designated.

Eunice Thompson Memorial Library, North Woburn. This library has received a gift of $627.35 from the North Woburn Chapel Association.

WORCESTER. At the end of 1908, Mr. Samuel Swett Green, for thirty-eight years the respected and accomplished librarian, declined a re-election, in accordance with his determination announced a year previous, that he might have time and opportunity for literary work. The directors expressed their appreciation of his long and honorable service by designating him as librarian emeritus, and appointed as his successor Robert Kendall Shaw, for some years the efficient assistant librarian. Though no branches have been established, there are nine delivery stations in outlying parts of the city, which serve an exceptionally large territory and population. Sixty-three dailies, 184 weeklies, semiweeklies and biweeklies, and 428 monthlies, bimonthlies, quarterlies and annuals are kept on file.

Part of a room in the children's department is set aside for the use of teachers, with a special collection of books. Pictures from magazines relating to subjects in school courses of study are mounted for teachers' use in their class rooms. Poems are chosen from the selections for memorizing listed in this course of study, and are either mimeographed or printed and lent to teachers. Collections of books are sent regularly to the schools, — 36 public, 1 private and 3 Sunday schools, 3 clubs and the City Hospital receive such collections. A story hour was started about a year ago, with meetings Saturday mornings, for children under ten years of age. A girls' club was formed at about the same time, with weekly meetings. A subject chosen by them is discussed, illustrated by stories and pictures. Besides all the varied activities of the library staff, much valuable work is done gratuitously by volunteers. Various persons give free talks on books and kindred topics; assist in cataloguing and circulating books in Russian, Hebrew, Armenian, Greek and other unusual languages; aid the librarian with special knowledge in buying books and in reading new novels;

tend and beautify the library grounds. The directors receive no compensation for their labors.

WORTHINGTON. Miss Katherine McDowell Rice, who has acted as librarian for twenty-five years, in September, 1909, declined re-election, increasing literary duties making demands upon her time which she felt she could not neglect. The service has been a labor of love with her, as no salary has accompanied it. Arthur Capen was elected librarian, with a stated salary.

YARMOUTH. Yarmouth Library Association. A considerable amount of shelving has been added and other improvements made during the year, the gift of one of the trustees. Mr. B. Nason Hamblin of Dedham gives $25 annually, as a memorial to his mother, to be used for the publication of a library year-book. This library, like those at West Yarmouth and South Yarmouth, receives no aid from the town, except that the dog tax is divided equally between them.

Free Social Library, South Yarmouth. Every endeavor is made to interest the school teachers in the library, as a great source of information, and to induce them to direct the children in the choice of reading, — not only as supplementary to school studies, but also in fiction. Collections are placed in the schoolrooms from time to time, as it is found that children will read books from a school collection that they would not take out of a public library.

West Yarmouth Library. At the January meeting it was decided by the association to charge summer guests 2 cents for each book taken out. The plan was tried during the past season and proved quite successful and met with general approval.

Appendix II

Towns Classified as to Libraries

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the management of the libraries: —

CLASS 1

Towns which have Libraries owned and controlled by the Town and Free for Circulation to All the People

Abington,
Acushnet,
Adams,
Agawam,
Alford,
Amesbury,
Andover,
Arlington,
Ashburnham,
Ashby,
Ashland,
Athol,
Attleborough,
Auburn,
Avon,
Bellingham,
Belmont,
Berkley,
Berlin,
Beverly,
Blackstone,
Blandford,
Bolton,
Boston,
Bourne,
Boxborough,
Boylston,
Bridgewater,
Brimfield,
Brockton,
Brookfield,
Brookline,
Burlington,
Cambridge,
Canton,
Carlisle,
Carver,
Charlemont,
Charlton,
Chelmsford,
Chelsea,
Chester,
Chesterfield,
Chicopee,
Chilmark,
Clarksburg,
Clinton,
Cohasset,
Colrain,
Dalton,
Dana,
Dartmouth,
Dedham,
Deerfield,
Dennis,
Dighton,
Douglas,
Dover,
Dracut,
Dudley,
Dunstable,
East Bridgewater,
Eastham,
East Longmeadow,
Edgartown,
Egremont,
Erving,
Essex,
Everett,
Fall River,
Falmouth,
Fitchburg,
Florida,
Foxborough,
Framingham,
Freetown,
Gay Head,
Gill,
Goshen,
Gosnold,
Granby,
Granville,
Greenfield,
Greenwich,
Groton,
Groveland,
Hadley,
Halifax,
Hamilton,
Hampden,
Hancock,
Hanover,
Hanson,

Hardwick,
Harvard,
Hatfield,
Hawley,
Heath,
Holbrook,
Holden,
Holland,
Holliston,
Hopedale,
Hubbardston,
Hudson,
Hull,
Huntington,
Hyde Park,
Kingston,
Lakeville,
Lancaster,
Lanesborough,
Leicester,
Leominster,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Longmeadow,
Lowell,
Ludlow,
Lunenburg,
Lynn,
Lynnfield,
Manchester,
Mansfield,
Marblehead,
Marlborough,
Marshfield,
Mashpee,
Mattapoisett,
Maynard,
Medfield,
Medford,
Medway,
Melrose,
Mendon,
Merrimac,
Middleborough,
Middlefield,
Middleton,
Milford,
Millbury,
Millis,
Milton,
Monroe,
Montague,
Monterey,
Montgomery,
Mount Washington,
Nahant,
Natick,
Needham,
New Ashford,
New Bedford,
New Braintree,
Newburyport,
New Marlborough,
New Salem,
Newton,
Norfolk,
North Adams,
Northampton,
North Andover,
North Attleborough,
Northborough,
North Brookfield,
Northfield,
North Reading,
Norwood,
Oakham,
Orange,
Orleans,
Otis,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Peabody,
Pelham,
Pepperell,
Peru,
Phillipston,
Plainfield,
Plainville,
Plympton,
Prescott,
Provincetown,
Quincy,
Reading,
Revere,
Richmond,
Rochester,
Rockland,
Rockport,
Rowe,
Rowley,
Royalston,
Russell,
Rutland,
Salisbury,
Sandisfield,
Sandwich,
Saugus,
Savoy,
Seekonk,
Sharon,
Sheffield,
Shelburne,
Sherborn,
Shirley,
Shrewsbury,
Shutesbury,
Somerset,
Somerville,
Southampton,
Southborough,
Southbridge,
South Hadley,
Southwick,
Spencer,
Sterling,
Stoneham,
Stoughton,
Stow,
Sturbridge,
Sudbury,
Sunderland,
Sutton,
Swampscott,
Swansea,
Taunton,
Templeton,
Tewksbury,
Tolland,

Topsfield,
Townsend,
Truro,
Tyngsborough,
Tyringham,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Wakefield,
Wales,
Walpole,
Waltham,
Warwick,
Watertown,
Wayland,
Webster,
Wellfleet,
Wendell,
Wenham,
Westborough,
West Boylston,
West Bridgewater,
West Brookfield,
Westford,
Westminster,
West Newbury,
Weston,
Westport,
West Springfield,
West Stockbridge,
Westwood,
Weymouth,
Whately,
Whitman,
Wilbraham,
Williamsburg,
Williamstown,
Wilmington,
Winchendon,
Winchester,
Windsor,
Winthrop,
Worcester,
Wrentham. — 274

CLASS 2

Towns which have Free Libraries in which the Town has Some Representation in the Management

Acton,
Ayer,
Barre,
Bedford,
Belchertown,
Bernardston,
Boxford,
Braintree,
Concord,
Cummington,
Danvers,
Easthampton,
Enfield,
Franklin,
Georgetown,
Grafton,
Haverhill,
Hingham,
Hinsdale,
Holyoke,
Lawrence,
Lenox,
Lexington,
Lincoln,
Littleton,
Malden,
Methuen,
Norton,
Palmer,
Pembroke,
Petersham,
Pittsfield,
Randolph,
Salem,
Springfield,
Warren,
Wellesley,
Westfield,
Woburn. — 39

CLASS 3

Towns in which there are Free Libraries to which the Town appropriates Money, but is not represented in the Management

Amherst,
Ashfield,
Brewster,
Chatham,
Cheshire,
Duxbury,
Gardner,
Great Barrington,
Harwich,
Lee,
Monson,
Nantucket,
Northbridge,
Oak Bluffs,
Plymouth,
Princeton,
Scituate,
Stockbridge,
Tisbury,
Ware,
Westhampton,
West Tisbury. — 22

Class 4

Towns in which there are Free Libraries which have no Connection with the Town

Barnstable,	Fairhaven,	Raynham,
Becket,	Gloucester,	Rehoboth,
Billerica,	Hopkinton,	Wareham,
Buckland,	Ipswich,	Worthington,
Conway,	Marion,	Yarmouth. — 17
Easton,	Norwell,	

Class 5

Towns which have the Free Use of Public Libraries in Other Places

Newbury, ...	Newburyport Public Library.
Washington, ...	Becket Athenæum. — 2

APPENDIX III

STATISTICS

OF

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

1908-1909

Cities and Towns.	Population, 1905.	Valuation, 1908.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.	Appropriation.	Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	Other Expenses.
Abington,	5,081	$2,797,393	17,209	37,577	$1,000 00	$700 85	$126 71	$335 00	$232 00	$107 26
Acton,	2,089	1,807,480	10,669	6,332	600 00	–	425 28	421 81	319 14	254 11
Acushnet,	1,284	680,120	2,253	5,667	300 00	–	30 78	193 89	100 00	25 14
Adams,	12,486	6,073,145	14,732	43,684	3,500 00	–	644 75	1,156 02	1,386 46	1,196 50
Agawam,	2,795	1,771,125	5,500	11,902	200 00	375 38	92 20	285 08	130 85	214 00
Alford,	275	171,101	953	266	30 00	33 85	98	–	25 00	60
Amesbury,	8,840	5,872,030	12,824	42,020	1,500 00	602 61	1,015 00	988 41	1,264 88	914 32
Amherst,	5,313	3,664,075	11,730	22,991	600 00	–	347 30	473 26	184 46	234 49
North Amherst,	–	–	2,500	–	100 00	–	160 00	125 00	75 00	60 00
Andover,	6,632	6,190,520	17,000	34,872	500 00	789 59	3,822 98	698 67	2,525 89	1,564 26
Arlington,	9,668	11,105,046	23,219	45,128	3,000 00	635 56	2,830 29	1,080 59	3,370 78	1,995 45
Ashburnham,	1,851	969,387	5,091	7,082	200 00	225 00	–	250 00	175 00	–
Ashby,	865	496,920	4,050	2,930	50 00	210 37	137 92	75 30	188 00	142 88
Ashfield,	959	599,955	6,100	3,700	200 00	–	75 49	116 23	75 00	51 95
Ashland,	1,597	1,175,055	6,800	10,925	1,000 00	–	38 10	250 00	430 00	358 10
Athol,	7,197	4,394,480	8,743	33,414	800 00	868 28	104 75	512 35	699 90	601 37
Attleborough,	12,702	13,543,770	13,430	49,332	6,500 00	–	–	1,918 66	2,697 46	1,883 88
Auburn,	2,006	1,140,435	3,112	3,831	–	–	291 45	113 42	59 50	22 30
Avon,	1,901	943,202	4,022	6,443	–	384 79	7 00	177 26	195 00	3 00
Ayer,	2,386	2,038,818	10,264	10,883	1,000 00	–	160 97	232 18	442 47	414 52
Barnstable,	4,336	5,692,885	15,694	4,000	–	–	685 00	78 59	300 00	76 00
Centerville,	–	–	1,800	3,200	–	–	225 00	87 50	80 00	95 50
Cotuit,	–	–	4,590	–	–	–	1,449 99	–	552 08	–
Hyannis,	–	–	2,800	8,320	–	–	300 00	–	130 00	170 00
Marston's Mills,	–	–	1,206	567	–	–	34 65	26 09	25 50	5 54
Osterville,	–	–	3,885	3,611	–	–	403 75	75 00	200 00	120 00
Barre,	2,558	1,738,200	10,913	13,046	500 00	–	636 57	636 57	500 00	–
Becket,	890	485,075	2,066	507	50 00	–	34 56	18 95	25 00	24 51
Bedford,	1,208	1,288,168	8,925	8,885	250 00	242 17	428 16	739 27	150 00	67 40
Belchertown,	2,008	915,955	8,500	9,715	–	307 15	416 96	116 91	319 80	301 72
Bellingham,	1,686	813,647	3,008	6,430	150 00	–	1 32	37 06	65 00	57 14
Belmont,	4,360	6,078,650	14,574	23,252	3,000 00	393 39	3 41	479 93	1,682 50	1,234 37
Berkley,	931	419,786	1,660	2,680	–	–	–	40 00	50 00	7 45
Berlin,	906	559,054	2,461	2,563	–	161 80	26 97	116 40	33 00	76 70
Bernardston,	769	422,463	7,125	3,151	–	–	1,032 72	397 80	173 90	121 82
Beverly,	15,223	29,576,175	31,164	80,095	5,500 00	503 80	–	1,762 56	2,662 58	1,575 49

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Billerica,	2,843	$2,274,444	4,643	5,665	–	–	$497 42	$64 14	$182 00	$202 42
North Billerica,[1]	–	–	4,186	3,018	–	–	–	–	–	–
Blackstone,	5,786	2,243,630	7,977	9,187	–	$344 97	15 60	69 68	289 00	84 13
Blandford,	746	470,131	2,471	2,722	$200 00	–	87 78	8 85	107 50	80 65
Bolton,	762	495,041	4,326	3,758	200 00	200 00	–	48 44	202 93	71 59
Boston,	595,380	1,327,662,338	941,024	1,679,442	310,000 00	–	39,897 13	37,091 13	229,456 48	61,323 41
Bourne,	1,786	3,391,500	3,500	5,864	600 00	398 15	11 00	162 70	385 75	349 65
Boxborough,	324	248,944	1,849	1,891	50 00	41 54	–	49 91	25 50	13 05
Boxford,	665	1,199,921	2,900	–	–	66 13	32 11	77 72	–	9 78
West Boxford,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Boylston,	649	481,060	6,222	7,373	479 66	184 77	108 64	259 34	386 15	93 51
Braintree,	6,879	5,799,321	14,614	23,319	1,200 00	–	603 47	149 65	1,008 60	645 22
Brewster,	739	526,585	7,000	2,836	75 00	–	124 00	23 00	75 00	–
Bridgewater,	6,754	3,254,972	15,108	32,886	1,500 00	–	893 15	796 91	789 06	527 24
Brimfield,	894	506,092	6,500	6,270	100 00	218 24	181 96	197 83	150 00	136 75
Brockton,	47,794	38,609,314	54,763	208,053	11,000 00	2,230 31	587 61	3,826 05	5,280 25	4,711 50
Brookfield,	2,388	1,272,580	16,310	19,090	850 00	–	450 00	450 00	490 00	360 00
Brookline,	23,436	100,766,800	69,294	164,573	20,995 05	–	1,653 47	4,670 63	12,412 19	5,565 70
Buckland,	1,500	697,492	3,334	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burlington,	588	616,300	3,662	1,835	200 00	–	46 73	44 09	112 50	26 65
Cambridge,	97,434	106,881,075	81,729	315,955	28,000 00	–	1,006 27	7,760 93	13,834 15	6,403 14
Canton,	4,702	3,990,140	15,000	29,881	1,500 00	–	3,075 00	657 00	1,500 00	2,418 00
Carlisle,	523	441,445	3,925	1,980	175 00	90 14	45 98	115 86	85 00	54 85
Carver,	1,410	1,395,855	3,135	3,090	125 00	–	–	66 98	75 00	2 48
Charlemont,	1,002	479,626	3,250	2,600	100 00	–	50 40	110 80	52 00	–
Charlton,	2,089	1,306,860	4,519	5,475	200 00	–	26 96	140 66	67 50	9 55
Chatham,	1,634	1,147,525	4,968	8,436	100 00	–	1,073 55	216 58	562 00	274 34
Chelmsford,	4,254	4,088,385	8,700	12,164	800 00	–	–	228 00	257 00	315 00
North Chelmsford,	–	–	5,630	–	400 00	–	–	188 31	120 00	111 87
Chelsea,	37,289	20,872,400	2,448	13,405	3,339 57	–	–	1,753 88	659 00	926 69
Cheshire,	1,281	749,664	5,087	10,128	125 00	88 06	80 85	217 60	39 00	19 73
Chester,	1,366	678,687	2,200	4,000	216 00	–	7 83	107 03	40 00	35 50
Chesterfield,	563	309,423	1,800	3,425	25 00	63 37	3 76	57 82	–	6 40
Chicopee,	20,191	12,143,980	26,000	56,660	4,445 00[2]	–	–	720 79	2,020 90	1,703 31
Chilmark,	322	289,933	2,533	1,393	50 00	–	–	25 00	25 00	1 50
Clarksburg,	1,200	260,390	–[3]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Clinton,	13,105	8,047,207	32,676	63,395	6,000 00[2]	–	366 56	1,202 52	2,667 08	2,130 40

Cohasset,	2,727	7,043,823	11,352	17,923	1,900 00	–	8,762 49	533 29	900 00	9,229 20
Colrain,	1,780	647,905	2,200	–	175 00	–	675 00	567 85	121 00	99 39
Concord,	5,421	6,379,275	37,130	33,174	3,142 00	547 40	2,147 40	2,003 34	1,960 00	1,146 68
Conway,	1,340	702,574	7,750	9,356	–	–	2,295 62	508 54	750 00	899 51
Cummington,	740	326,427	8,000	1,000	80 00	–	–	76 00	–	–
Dalton,	3,122	3,504,705	9,106	20,812	600 00	296 68	272 32	517 43	400 00	197 84
Dana,	763	383,595	1,673	1,085	150 00 [4]	–	–	164 38 [4]	50 00 [4]	–
North Dana,	–	–	1,426	1,931	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danvers,	9,063	5,881,495	25,300	53,108	800 00	–	2,914 27	616 86	1,009 37	2,081 83
Dartmouth,	3,793	3,419,125	1,725	1,600	250 00	–	–	143 00	40 00	57 50
South Dartmouth,	–	–	6,000	2,416	250 00	–	600 00	50 00	200 00	600 00
Dedham,	7,724	12,613,550	28,833	50,177	4,000 00	–	454 50	969 48	2,609 60	775 04
Deerfield, *South*,	2,112	1,617,018	1,931	5,237	400 00	–	–	191 42	84 65	123 93
Pocumtuck Association,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dickinson Library,	–	–	4,000	3,508	100 00	–	261 45	161 45	50 00	150 00
Dennis,	1,998	1,189,680	1,650	1,386	–	–	125 00	108 00	–	25 00
Dighton,	2,070	1,043,668	2,262	3,047	100 00	100 00	2 77	110 80	30 00	3 15
Douglas,	2,120	1,227,431	6,000	10,932	175 81	308 12	752 29	277 82	320 00	512 42
Dover,	636	1,402,132	3,935	4,856	300 00	261 68	18 00	130 25	162 73	221 25
First Parish,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dracut,	3,537	2,297,999	3,618	6,636	500 00	–	9 00	150 00	230 00	40 00
Dudley,	3,818	1,577,554	3,014	6,729	400 00	–	–	169 02	60 00	110 65
Dunstable,	412	298,642	3,000	2,418	250 00	87 97	60 96	75 80	40 00	53 82
Duxbury,	2,028	2,298,460	5,200	8,619	500 00	–	633 78	179 33	631 80	112 72
East Bridgewater,	3,169	1,965,410	5,819	12,668	800 00	–	337 19	262 80	474 85	365 64
East Longmeadow,	1,327	674,575	2,600	5,948	225 00	–	11 00	116 49	58 00	58 98
Eastham,	519	347,711	2,818	3,401	–	75 62	500 00	168 93	162 68	107 36
Easthampton,	6,808	5,261,328	13,000	32,673	1,300 00	–	1,021 00	716 75	1,000 00	614 25
Easton,	4,909	5,077,919	17,489	17,807	–	–	3,048 00	749 32	1,106 40	2,479 90
Edgartown,	1,175	1,009,340	2,416	4,244	400 00	–	–	–	145 00	–
Egremont,	721	468,415	1,420	1,100	65 00	93 67	6 00	61 80	25 00	70 31
Enfield,	973	676,170	–	7,800	100 00	156 45	–	–	–	–
Erving,	1,094	927,674	2,547	2,012	100 00	–	–	50 00	30 00	60 00
Essex,	1,790	1,091,332	4,805	4,500	–	–	804 03	310 53	200 70	21 34
Everett,	29,111	24,832,800	21,560	75,467	2,300 00	2,528 28	349 75	1,509 59	2,330 98	1,337 44
East Everett,	–	–	5,781	36,707	2,400 00	–	21 00	677 37	1,215 00	626 89
Fairhaven,	4,235	2,987,822	19,332	46,915	–	–	8,000 00	–	–	8,000 00 [5]
Fall River,	105,762	86,275,484	78,548	190,553	19,686 05	6,313 95	477 52	5,544 63	13,180 66	7,752 23
Falmouth,	3,241	8,002,501	7,706	13,465	1,500 00	555 58	216 01	526 37	946 13	827 71
West Falmouth,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Woods Hole,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fitchburg,	33,021	27,752,413	50,297	85,333	6,000 00	2,015 26	786 82	2,050 38	3,639 30	3,112 40

[1] Maintained by Talbot Mills. [2] Including dog tax. [3] Books stored and service discontinued. [4] For Dana and North Dana. [5] Total expenditure.

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Florida,	424	$174,944	650	200	$15 00	–	–	$8 00	$10 00	–
Foxborough,	3,364	2,209,320	4,000	16,262	750 00	–	$124 25	120 50	498 00	$250 72
Framingham,	11,548	10,087,550	30,500	36,449	2,316 00	–	1,960 52	1,414 32	2,016 00	846 20
Franklin,	5,244	3,692,425	7,268	14,127	900 00	–	–	–	600 00	–
Freetown,	1,470	858,825	1,682	1,700	75 00	–	33 32	76 97	–	31 35
East Freetown,	–	–	700	–	50 00	–	–	40 00	10 00	–
Gardner,	12,012	7,356,955	12,958	25,916	–	$1,038 32	1,731 13	851 57	1,184 22	1,077 66
Gay Head,	178	32,464	310	340	15 00	–	–	–	–	–
Georgetown,	1,840	1,031,685	10,000	11,241	–	–	688 62	60 00	280 00	495 00
Gill,	1,023	452,117	2,300	1,490	–	52 66	1 46	–	50 00	–
Gloucester,	26,011	22,490,731	19,857	59,193	–	–	3,995 93	825 26	1,772 00	1,176 17
Free City Library,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Magnolia,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Annisquam,	–	–	1,085	3,038	–	–	218 31	–	–	174 70[1]
Goshen,	277	177,190	1,400	–	–	63 10	–	–	15 70	–
Gosnold,	161	380,391	714	305	–	–	–	19 77	–	–
Grafton,	5,052	2,674,645	12,365	19,784	125 00	701 32	391 63	439 12	500 00	356 94
Granby,	747	493,858	3,226	3,220	135 00	139 40	54 17	187 12	50 00	4 08
Granville,	865	464,958	2,623	2,399	350 00	145 88	297 37	227 14	416 80	111 26
Great Barrington,	6,152	5,637,515	11,518	24,027	2,000 00	–	225 00	467 66	913 81	774 83
Housatonic,	–	–	3,500	24,027	1,700 00	–	–	138 81	391 47	469 60
Greenfield,	9,156	9,114,000	19,590	51,567	–	–	2,702 69	650 22	1,260 93	2,829 64
Library Association,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Greenwich,	475	262,112	2,299	2,108	100 00	–	80 60	134 97	42 50	2 16
Groton,	2,253	3,089,963	12,133	12,712	1,000 00	302 45	462 32	325 89	730 00	708 88
Groveland,	2,401	1,165,064	3,784	12,795	350 00	315 00	10 00	345 13	184 95	256 10
South Groveland,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hadley,	1,895	1,318,489	600	–	150 00	214 67	12 40	99 36	83 73	187 86
Halifax,	494	513,481	500	732	100 00	–	–	28 00	50 00	–
Hamilton,	1,646	3,603,170	5,625	6,000	400 00	–	–	200 00	150 00	50 00
Hampden,	561	384,050	2,126	4,722	100 00	–	–	32 46	30 00	27 25
Hancock,	434	297,145	1,565	–	25 00	56 28	142 87	75 78	28 60	1 45
Hanover,	2,176	1,444,355	5,762	7,085	850 00	–	–	200 00	618 05	–
Hanson,	1,490	1,279,150	2,600	11,921	–	300 00	–	296 21	100 00	30 00
North Hanson,	–	–	1,847	1,042	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hardwick,	3,261	1,723,165	3,000	4,634	50 00	–	1,033 03	322 17	243 95	144 48
Gilbertville,	–	–	1,522	3,304	–	–	–	–	–	–
Harvard,	1,067	1,204,177	5,550	–	1,695 25	–	–	226 68	499 25	1,149 06

Harwich,	2,291	1,186,519	4,359	3,250	200 00	–	360 00	105 30	104 00	350 70
West Harwich,	–	–	1,690	2,900	–	–	100 00	25 00	–	75 00
Hatfield,	1,779	1,340,420	7,000	4,000	325 00	–	–	129 28	146 00	24 72
Haverhill,	37,830	29,580,320	90,000	192,593	10,745 77	1,898 77	9,598 73	4,289 58	9,106 78	8,666 14
Hawley,	448	156,586	1,628	616	15 00	–	–	26 50	17 98	–
Heath,	356	165,765	1,950	200	35 00	–	–	12 68	24 50	28 79
Hingham,	4,819	5,769,551	12,000	21,572	–	–	2,372 34	545 02	600 00	908 17
Nantasket,	–	–	3,000	4,143	300 00	–	310 87	125 67	229 64	193 12
Hinsdale,	1,452	579,303	5,000	2,025	100 00	86 26	136 00	–	100 00	92 83
Holbrook,	2,509	1,419,573	7,320	–	300 00	100 00	200 00	300 00	300 00	100 00
Holden,	2,640	1,501,940	6,444	–	1,455 59	–	–	216 32	550 00	528 49
Holland,	151	100,297	1,048	827	15 00	–	–	25 00	12 00	–
Holliston,	2,663	1,575,757	7,946	14,230	214 53	397 88	140 00	200 67	201 12	350 59
Holyoke,	49,934	45,889,500	38,171	116,810	13,000 00	–	991 69	4,173 55	6,406 16	3,248 24
Hopedale,	2,048	5,193,882	9,578	22,551	2,800 00	184 23	195 06	680 31	–	–
Hopkinton,	2,585	1,546,105	5,000	10,164	–	–	505 44	256 44	196 00	256 50
Hubbardston,	1,205	690,300	6,114	6,330	–	370 00	69 09	109 13	116 00	39 62
Hudson,	6,217	3,509,595	9,830	39,525	1,250 00	404 27	312 31	835 64	506 32	–
Hull,	2,060	5,177,250	2,446	3,585	150 00	214 78	15 10	221 18	178 99	18 00
Huntington,	1,451	616,485	1,841	4,120	100 00	126 71	17 90	147 03	35 00	54 38
Hyde Park,	14,510	14,019,675	26,000	79,249	4,500 00	1,066 24	1 01	1,039 53	2,311 82	1,174 47
Ipswich,	5,205	4,360,800	15,400	16,056	–	–	2,529 64	379 71	912 00	521 16
Kingston,	2,205	1,557,900	7,613	11,843	900 00	–	606 00	402 00	600 00	300 00
Lakeville,	912	675,405	1,200	3,600	–	265 29	33 32	125 80	103 75	6 88
Lancaster,	2,406	3,653,067	36,000	17,754	1,200 00	505 52	729 20	1,074 61	693 60	666 51
Lanesborough,	845	508,987	4,500	–	50 00	102 84	–	106 99	49 25	8 50
Lawrence,	70,050	56,473,458	61,073	150,863	12,000 00	956 11	1,416 77	2,997 70	10,031 30	1,361 88
Lee,	3,972	2,001,163	7,060	10,772	800 00	196 80	58 69	229 54	601 50	399 20
Leicester,	3,414	2,362,382	13,390	18,631	1,350 00	–	206 79	305 62	602 30	648 87
Lenox,	3,058	5,401,488	20,000	21,369	–	267 12	2,007 37	412 69	1,150 00	737 87
Leominster,	14,297	10,526,295	25,856	51,893	2,200 00	1,050 91	585 27	574 94	2,131 55	1,129 69
Leverett,	703	303,753	1,600	800	25 00	76 58	–	65 04	30 00	5 20
North Leverett,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lexington,	4,530	6,884,670	24,371	44,742	2,458 25	762 23	1,428 09	1,026 68	2,480 00	469 60
Leyden,	408	171,966	1,910	500	35 00	–	–	–	19 45	–
Lincoln,	1,122	2,810,326	8,750	6,938	500 00	332 75	600 92	321 55	564 81	246 92
Littleton,	1,219	1,032,080	10,954	8,633	606 96	–	–	396 58	414 95	77 73
Longmeadow,	964	1,220,655	4,164	–	200 00	151 45	–	252 55	13 30	85 60
Lowell,	94,889	76,415,792	77,019	130,628	14,000 00	–	475 36	2,147 31	8,635 55	3,350 28
Ludlow,	3,881	3,717,466	4,200	11,018	–	75 00	–[2]	–[2]	–[2]	–[2]
Lunenburg,	1,293	1,056,237	6,198	8,575	–	265 40	50 00	121 16	75 00	–
Lynn,	77,042	68,394,741	80,895	238,778	17,700 00	3,715 76	632 97	5,648 19	1,172 28	4,628 24

[1] Total expenditure.

[2] Supported by Ludlow Manufacturing Associates.

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Lynnfield,	797	$778,022	2,840	3,210	–	–	$85 08	$118 30	$108 30	$41 34
Malden,	38,037	33,601,500	55,198	171,384	$4,000 00	$2,258 78	15,975 74	3,994 22	7,707 83	3,928 21
Manchester,	2,618	12,621,281	13,825	19,594	1,400 00	262 42	–	567 66	1,094 76	–
Mansfield,	4,245	2,996,578	4,400	15,873	700 00	–	285 08	176 95	300 00	508 13
Marblehead,	7,209	7,468,022	19,000	25,800	500 00	395 83	964 62	392 02	820 60	442 04
Marion,	1,029	2,870,690	6,321	9,585	200 00	–	1,100 00	350 00	600 00	350 00
Marlborough,	14,073	10,053,075	24,000	53,145	3,000 00	1,227 00	222 89	732 18	2,378 80	1;338 95
Marshfield,	1,763	1,864,655	3,947	6,837	400 00	–	47 39	72 29	272 49	94 04
Marshfield Hills,	–	–	1,619	2,021	–	–	100 00	40 00	40 00	20 00
Mashpee,	317	200,540	1,420	339	40 00	–	–	17 00	13 00	10 00
Mattapoisett,	1,180	1,592,085	5,556	11,018	750 00	209 44	52 86	235 87	365 55	407 14
Maynard,	5,811	3,783,990	4,871	–	350 00	352 95	23 13	181 56	172 21	196 85
Medfield,	3,314	21,542,939	5,125	7,783	–	225 08	265 00	238 10	100 00	138 32
Medford,	19,686	22,800,000	35,200	108,092	7,000 00	2,118 59	120 38	1,880 36	5,171 14	2,187 47
Medway, *West*,	2,650	1,345,985	3,360	9,501	50 00	346 91	–	146 54	62 20	173 61
Medway Village,	–	–	3,800	–	86 00	–	245 00	112 00	75 00	10 00
Melrose,	14,295	15,972,960	16,000	64,633	3,682 00	1,318 00	–	1,800 00	2,200 00	1,000 00
Mendon,	922	648,450	4,495	5,590	250 00	–	25 01	126 86	97 00	26 90
Merrimac,	1,884	1,224,701	5,000	8,461	400 00	–	46 51	121 71	200 00	124 80
Methuen,	8,676	5,913,482	18,000	29,518	–	–	–	–	–	–
Middleborough,	6,888	4,527,596	17,221	53,353	–	1,629 99	2,488 40	2,132 64	1,188 08	1,202 85
Middlefield,	399	188,732	1,810	1,200	–	95 00	–	75 00	20 00	–
Middleton,	1,068	769,168	6,457	7,097	–	–	893 19	78 49	245 67	407 85
Milford,	12,105	7,001,160	16,776	37,516	–	1,691 17	92 46	545 03	560 00	555 54
Millbury,	4,631	2,300,185	8,751	19,013	–	499 29	119 73	278 96	281 29	55 30
Millis,	1,252	800,810	3,500	1,800	–	228 36	19 60	168 62	50 50	61 61
Milton,	7,054	23,864,970	20,243	66,258	8,700 00	1,212 45	3,096 93	1,876 27	5,746 09	3,036 16
Monroe,	269	157,478	1,250	469	69 32	12 34	–	31 66	–	–
Monson,	4,344	1,776,218	10,643	15,243	300 00	–	2,111 42	422 43	515 00	740 59
Montague,	7,015	4,259,986	6,698	8,399	500 00	55 56	13 48	211 94	207 00	167 72
Miller's Falls,	–	–	1,685	8,045	400 00	55 56	25 34	165 91	107 50	153 49
Turner's Falls,	–	–	6,597	22,927	1,500 00	111 13	–	313 60	583 17	704 32
Monterey,	444	304,851	2,200	1,726	50 00	–	25 16	37 43	21 00	3 50
Montgomery,	259	168,209	831	500	15 00	–	–	6 00	7 80	–
Mount Washington,	87	83,734	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nahant,	922	5,934,687	17,782	11,509	1,800 00	–	–	947 26	569 50	175 80
Nantucket,	2,930	337,130	14,344	27,899	1,000 00	–	1,322 57	502 77	1,100 00	704 90

Natick,	9,609	7,249,600	22,899	–	2,350 00	1,025 90	995 59	764 41	2,459 45	1,171 93
South Natick,	–	–	6,000	4,126	1,056 08	–	–	225 63	350 00	478 49
Needham,	4,284	5,655,547	12,486	24,443	1,300 00	747 07	85 00	581 88	1,183 81	365 75
New Ashford,	100	50,605	–	154	10 00	11 76	1 42	–	10 00	1 78
New Bedford,	74,362	75,400,974	120,000	242,885	13,500 00	2,240 02	14,659 50	13,790 43	11,604 00	9,569 45
New Braintree,	477	395,615	2,496	1,025	100 00	107 87	–	29 27	26 00	20 00
New Marlborough,	1,209	694,270	200	–	25 00	–	–	–	20 00	5 00
Southfield,	–	–	588	249	–	–	10 00	2 50	5 00	65
New Salem,	672	363,650	–	767	40 00	–	142 32	36 45	36 25	30
Newbury,[1]	1,480	1,248,835	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Newburyport,	14,675	11,453,701	42,618	57,365	3,000 00	622 25	4,129 71	1,809 46	3,629 19	1,636 30
Newton,	36,827	68,933,800	71,778	247,470	22,560 00	–	4,713 81	6,578 94	11,660 00	8,809 25
Norfolk,	1,089	806,831	1,500	2,380	125 00	–	–	67 83	39 00	18 20
North Adams,	22,150	16,360,648	30,032	114,286	6,700 00	–	303 70	2,194 17	2,945 69	1,863 84
North Andover,	4,614	4,625,672	11,935	16,968	2,454 63	573 39	74 09	316 59	1,386 30	769 20
North Attleborough,	7,878	5,237,451	10,000	–	3,000 00	–	110 00	909 10	860 00	1,340 90
North Brookfield,	2,617	1,589,980	7,576	16,388	1,300 00	–	160 56	260 55	467 55	455 48
North Reading,	903	676,639	5,712	8,342	–	50 00	165 00	64 22	52 00	43 15
Northampton,	19,957	13,497,741	36,403	51,937	2,000 00	–	2,676 00	633 14	2,056 35	1,571 60
Forbes Library,	–	–	109,561	78,101	5,000 00	–	16,443 76	9,321 94	9,349 77	4,527 86
Florence,	–	–	8,230	18,740	400 00	–	616 00	217 80	528 05	25 00
Northborough,	1,947	1,326,805	11,203	11,096	250 00	299 04	551 14	619 34	390 00	125 76
Northbridge,	7,400	4,248,095	7,673	10,858	500 00	–	84 30	267 83	150 00	172 73
Northfield,	2,017	1,241,834	8,300	12,507	750 00	–	–	350 00	300 00	100 00
Norton,	2,079	1,127,150	6,706	11,702	500 00	–	200 00	184 00	250 00	250 00
Norwell,	1,534	866,993	–	–	100 00	–	451 83	121 88	188 64	93 21
Norwood,	6,731	6,100,660	12,584	39,805	3,100 00	622 00	17 92	717 49	1,989 18	1,033 25
Oak Bluffs,	1,138	1,806,075	3,000	–	250 00	–	392 68	82 62	84 62	273 02
Oakham,	519	348,887	1,869	2,726	62 00	–	4 47	7 25	62 00	4 41
Orange,	5,578	3,544,325	9,573	31,057	600 00	305 15	190 33	625 89	486 93	175 30
Orleans,	1,052	614,185	5,000	8,810	200 00	–	198 50	141 80	129 53	92 86
Otis,	534	244,081	1,086	778	100 00	–	10 00	53 43	17 00	65 15
Oxford,	2,927	1,869,165	9,115	16,049	600 00	640 00	23 32	531 21	341 25	391 66
Palmer,	7,755	4,072,513	7,527	17,145	1,200 00	–	281 86	234 50	497 04	396 00
Paxton,	444	353,147	2,700	2,367	–	100 39	3 00	95 55	25 00	8 03
Peabody,	13,098	10,099,038	43,262	44,258	–	–	8,395 00	1,016 00	2,781 00	5,281 00
Eben Dale Sutton Library,	–	–	4,140	–	–	–	1,090 00	264 00	400 00	8 00
Pelham,	460	236,535	1,074	701	25 00	–	–	8 85	13 00	37 35
Pembroke,	1,261	971,185	–	3,350	180 35	–	–	–	–	–
Bryantville,	–	–	2,528	4,305	–	–	925 52	385 86	103 00	121 30
Pepperell,	3,268	2,238,994	16,243	13,890	–	564 18	2,257 75	334 33	984 00	683 74
Peru,	268	133,835	1,045	991	15 00	–	165 98	88 22	10 00	8 11

[1] Has full privileges in Newburyport Public Library.

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Petersham,	855	$357,156	9,000	–	$150 00	–	$700 79	$103 96	$350 00	$394 02
Phillipston,	442	277,396	6,086	1,933	58 00	–	224 21	213 96	53 00	10 25
Pittsfield,	25,001	21,799,250	54,039	90,366	7,000 00	–	3,132 36	1,360 92	6,744 94	3,134 45
Plainfield,	382	174,571	1,601	1,050	50 00	–	1 15	24 75	13 00	15 50
Plainville,	1,300	749,947	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Plymouth,	11,119	10,448,592	16,465	31,231	–	$1,630 73	1,401 73	479 66	1,087 00	761 23
North Plymouth,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Plympton,	514	335,151	1,897	2,918	100 00	25 00	11 89	57 79	50 00	8 27
Prescott,	322	185,357	2,500	1,427	25 00	67 27	11 84	56 45	15 00	5 64
Princeton,	907	1,041,363	6,526	5,308	115 00	50 00	728 48	206 30	143 85	359 09
Provincetown,	4,362	2,066,450	12,000	15,645	400 00	294 32	298 50	352 68	353 75	251 89
Quincy,	28,076	28,610,390	27,241	81,084	9,000 00	–	915 59	1,945 64	4,651 03	3,613 14
Randolph,	4,034	2,006,300	21,230	25,040	–	–	2,863 75	443 79	1,100 00	988 37
Raynham,	1,662	753,622	1,800	–	–	139 56	3 00	89 70	25 00	7 55
North Raynham,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reading,	5,682	5,238,622	11,354	18,741	800 00	685 22	58 23	420 30	370 88	795 59
Rehoboth,	1,991	789,056	1,800	500	–	–	25 00	–	25 00	–
Revere,	12,659	15,055,550	10,930	53,382	3,000 00	–	–	800 00	1,600 00	600 00
Richmond,	601	354,403	2,061	1,309	170 00	–	3 40	109 47	55 00	–
Rochester,	1,181	626,857	3,261	3,768	250 00	–	37 96	218 41	58 50	11 05
Rockland,	6,287	3,779,971	11,781	32,651	1,450 00	815 28	–	706 73	984 04	565 89
Rockport,	4,447	3,191,950	6,242	2,300	1,000 00	–	313 21	319 84	600 00	64 59
Pigeon Cove,	–	–	–	–	150 00	–	–	21 61	120 00	8 39
Rowe,	533	191,893	2,281	1,945	40 00	–	59 90	57 75	40 00	1 80
Rowley,	1,388	748,554	3,814	6,409	50 00	195 21	–	119 63	.75 00	31 99
Royalston,	903	499,420	2,988	3,406	125 00	–	63 01	76 00	35 00	45 36
Russell,	1,053	710,487	1,304	3,241	150 00	–	52 86	62 29	85 11	43 68
Rutland,	1,713	743,797	2,214	4,378	237 63	–	22 67	44 58	78 00	73 10
Salem,	37,627	31,714,600	50,787	101,850	9,800 00	–	1,850 00	2,494 41	5,735 41	3,277 69
Salisbury,	1,622	898,465	2,147	5,326	150 00	200 00	–	–	90 00	–
Sandisfield,	657	340,037	–	–	30 00	24 40	–	–	30 00	24 40
Sandwich,	1,433	1,000,250	3,226	7,629	275 00	–	55 01	118 99	150 00	97 01
Saugus,	6,253	5,136,209	9,800	28,197	500 00	594 27	–	437 25	428 52	226 50
Savoy,	549	181,775	–	–	15 00	–	–	46 10	–	–
Scituate,	2,597	4,154,615	3,000	–	250 00	–	30 00	100 00	50 00	10 00
North Scituate,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Seekonk,	1,917	1,127,480	2,050	1,640	100 00	–	–	75 00	25 00	–
Sharon,	2,085	2,576,970	6,000	14,163	–	444 69	201 03	277 10	262 50	106 12
Sheffield,	1,782	931,925	2,500	2,931	100 00	–	36 00	42 50	99 65	–

Shelburne,	1,515	1,116,207	3,768	2,920	300 00	–	–	214 79	30 00	20 70
Shelburne Falls,	–	–	10,670	16,114	500 00	33 32	509 00	378 71	220 00	400 00
Sherborn,	1,379	1,410,381	6,575	–	125 00	137 83	77 62	160 47	130 00	32 19
Shirley,	1,692	1,098,277	4,645	8,610	250 00	225 00	4 00	151 33	199 00	110 53
Shrewsbury,	1,866	1,495,513	7,314	9,849	500 00	463 51	1,668 76	453 08	581 75	633 93
Shutesbury,	374	248,960	1,740	360	25 00	–	16 29	33 20	–	–
Somerset,	2,294	1,245,111	1,870	–	250 00	–	55 27	98 24	88 90	99 53
Somerville,	69,272	63,158,400	85,000	448,224	16,000 00	4,214 39	1,020 48	5,007 18	10,109 16	6,118 53
South Hadley,	5,054	2,704,463	6,100	10,541	500 00	–	–	230 83	150 00	99 05
South Hadley Falls,	–	–	4,002	15,427	1,779 48	–	25 50	305 35	383 32	307 29
Southampton,	927	492,904	4,330	2,600	100 00	158 00	44 92	173 47	88 01	116 80
Southborough,	1,931	1,766,113	9,335	5,352	–	185 83	110 15	309 51	165 00	16 46
Southbridge,	11,000	5,332,864	21,545	36,185	1,800 00	996 80	113 84	962 79	1,316 00	625 55
Southwick,	1,048	669,640	2,424	2,100	250 00	–	4 95	137 44	76 00	11 82
Spencer,	7,121	3,582,990	12,000	19,970	1,205 78	–	–	391 71	618 00	196 06
Springfield,	73,540	97,098,308	168,632	516,731	39,000 00	4,440 27	11,826 67	7,913 54	20,044 06	8,936 40
Sterling,	1,315	988,335	8,200	7,891	200 00	159 13	283 06	225 15	192 50	32 57
Stockbridge,	2,022	4,149,831	9,500	13,823	900 00	213 34	505 24	434 46	725 00	842 98
Stoneham,	6,332	5,027,334	11,941	26,758	1,741 65	499 48	109 50	497 91	675 00	1,140 39
Stoughton,	5,959	3,507,085	11,598	32,197	800 00	805 52	1,112 00	1,050 00	950 00	922 00
Stow,	1,027	893,040	5,785	–	–	–	500 00	150 00	175 00	175 00
Sturbridge,	1,974	1,053,403	7,755	7,580	492 73	–	110 00	246 89	219 00	136 84
Sudbury,	1,159	1,244,405	12,000	7,768	100 00	–	800 00	168 66	246 00	449 01
Sunderland,	910	491,429	5,097	6,445	200 00	36 46	255 30	297 40	196 31	98 75
Sutton,	3,173	1,231,987	5,980	5,400	500 00	–	–	–	92 00	–
Swampscott,	5,141	9,992,655	11,400	31,620	800 00	600 00	33 61	703 26	533 00	202 30
Swansea,	1,839	1,279,737	5,431	8,039	500 00	–	270 94	278 06	341 58	123 49
Taunton,	30,967	22,269,221	55,932	86,187	7,000 00	1,630 54	475 46	2,026 00	4,300 16	2,779 84
Templeton,	3,783	1,594,837	8,245	14,731	–	–	500 00	500 00	292 00	244 61
Tewksbury,	4,415	1,145,979	–	7,536	100 00	226 97	82 87	110 02	175 02	79 50
Tisbury,	1,120	1,401,516	5,670	6,702	200 00	–	87 99	39 98	138 00	51 31
Tolland,	274	187,636	900	125	15 00	–	2 13	–	5 00	–
Topsfield,	1,095	1,254,962	10,088	6,358	125 00	–	462 37	265 06	125 00	97 60
Townsend,	1,772	1,152,294	5,430	9,412	140 70	316 39	108 82	222 97	170 24	145 59
Truro,	743	386,795	2,433	860	–	62 81	–	–	48 00	3 23
Tyngsborough,	768	524,680	6,736	6,179	250 00	125 00	324 88	395 76	178 00	108 23
Tyringham,	314	258,507	3,100	1,200	70 00	–	67 46	10 81	30 00	92 50
Upton,	2,024	1,102,808	5,419	9,567	460 00	–	5 48	254 23	164 66	41 11
Uxbridge,	3,881	2,824,358	12,366	19,993	800 00	546 82	639 03	319 03	799 92	866 90
Wakefield,	10,268	8,603,573	16,655	49,433	700 00	755 16	377 03	372 29	1,020 15	439 75
Wales,	645	286,698	1,500	2,025	100 00	–	9 29	43 96	30 00	32 70
Walpole,	4,003	4,179,651	11,079	25,175	2,500 00	–	24 24	690 28	1,138 96	682 22
Waltham,	26,282	24,910,660	33,636	98,557	4,500 00	1,894 95	40 40	1,443 28	3,693 40	1,258 27

Cities and Towns.	Population, 1905.	Valuation, 1906.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.	Appropriation.	Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	Other Expenses.
Ware,	8,594	$4,591,595	13,957	26,158	$1,000 00	$544 95	$747 86	$520 55	$540 60	$1,231 66
Wareham,	3,660	3,770,791	3,500	7,680	300 00	822 09	122 84	216 17	176 00	154 68
Warren,	4,300	1,896,849	11,012	13,150	400 00	443 75	483 76	274 36	470 58	604 23
Warwick,	527	374,150	5,315	4,653	39 78	60 22	125 05	118 01	59 00	40 72
Washington,[1]	339	277,813	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Watertown,	11,258	13,888,216	35,658	46,678	4,550 91	954 92	225 00	1,816 87	2,783 59	1,130 37
Wayland,	2,220	2,212,099	13,618	8,285	800 00	118 00	135 00	288 00	510 00	345 00
Webster,	10,018	6,589,705	8,570	28,126	2,000 00	–	64 94	609 50	584 02	739 96
Wellesley,	6,189	13,673,875	15,827	37,412	1,800 00	495 00	1,050 35	569 02	1,291 00	1,193 44
Wellfleet,	958	980,955	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wendell,	480	249,466	3,000	1,752	25 00	39 06	2 81	40 72	25 00	15 76
Wenham,	924	2,339,075	5,000	2,775	300 00	–	90 00	205 00	94 00	11 00
West Boylston,	1,571	751,912	7,333	7,456	150 00	234 43	27 90	168 68	150 00	105 64
West Bridgewater,	2,006	1,221,718	6,400	4,300	–	302 40	164 99	240 24	183 15	44 00
West Brookfield,	1,384	996,223	8,834	11,731	300 00	273 94	450 25	410 89	388 66	224 64
West Newbury,	1,405	1,061,217	4,719	7,742	200 00	204 00	74 57	185 43	174 00	114 91
West Springfield,	8,101	6,439,786	9,515	47,976	400 00	716 70	17 00	749 52	420 00	107 00
West Stockbridge,	1,023	401,062	1,838	3,050	135 00	92 96	–	141 54	50 00	29 00
West Tisbury,	457	534,787	2,150	1,000	–	54 00	73 00	25 00	–	30 00
Westborough,	5,378	3,182,734	14,866	32,055	1,000 00	452 30	1,299 09	761 90	628 58	1,360 91
Westfield,	13,611	9,093,815	23,461	51,144	3,500 00	777 00	1,237 00	1,730 00	2,660 00	1,330 00
Westford,	2,413	1,752,449	14,821	10,700	650 00	300 00	140 00	–	500 00	650 00
Westhampton,	466	224,725	6,000	2,071	–	100 07	35 00	76 15	25 00	22 00
Westminster,	1,348	771,255	6,820	7,983	200 00	287 29	293 50	315 94	235 20	223 86
Weston,	2,091	6,779,019	18,318	17,953	2,000 00	323 64	562 82	789 96	1,134 25	962 25
Westport,	2,867	1,707,900	1,834	1,491	–	100 00	9 00	83 57	16 00	–
Head of Westport,	–	–	2,250	1,009	–	–	–	3 00	–	5 00
Westport Point,	–	–	867	1,166	–	–	93 11	–	84 00	11 68
Westwood,	1,136	2,316,676	4,000	4,507	–	238 00	250 00	108 00	155 00	75 00
Weymouth,	11,585	7,733,640	23,700	46,654	2,300 00	722 32	1,400 80	914 86	1,718 47	1,636 41
South Weymouth,	–	–	6,250	20,633	500 00	–	709 00	169 00	680 00	300 00
Whately,	822	438,888	3,000	5,200	75 00	51 40	3 70	76 50	52 25	6 05
Whitman,	6,521	4,741,528	10,965	34,479	2,000 00	–	110 00	386 65	964 00	759 35
Wilbraham,	1,708	1,083,808	2,574	4,255	200 00	–	129 17	152 89	146 13	17 94
Williamsburg,	1,943	952,961	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Haydenville,	–	–	1,568	7,000	150 00	–	–	–	30 00	185 00
Williamstown,	4,425	3,278,265	6,260	9,455	525 00	203 02	80 18	10 50	355 50	442 20
South Williamstown,	–	–	–	2,430	100 00	101 50	26 75	145 75	50 00	32 50

Wilmington,	1,670	1,320,895	3,841	7,434	400 00	55 87	66 67	343 08	159 83	5 20
Winchendon,	5,933	3,962,950	9,405	22,146	1,282 23	–	42 91	442 71	456 02	498 41
Winchester,	8,242	11,516,400	18,862	44,985	2,200 00	743 26	428 74	1,379 26	1,344 95	264 72
Windsor,	513	275,197	775	–	15 00	–	–	–	–	–
Winthrop,	7,034	10,757,665	10,911	34,065	2,800 00	–	200 67	739 80	1,473 01	786 20
Woburn,	14,402	11,190,189	50,338	60,727	3,672 64	1,366 91	2,346 80	1,639 04	3,564 63	2,886 32
North Woburn,	–	–	1,338	4,700	–	–	481 24	127 32	252 00	87 24
Worcester,	128,135	129,323,426	167,313	308,808	40,000 00	6,274 20	4,517 35	11,129 59	27,612 45	11,745 04
Worthington,	614	322,499	2,681	2,004	–	–	69 71	15 55	14 60	29 06
Wrentham,	1,428	1,190,364	5,150	10,000	600 00	–	243 32	201 26	420 62	221 08
Yarmouth,	1,422	2,029,911	7,500	3,000	–	–	695 00	471 53	225 00	124 35
South Yarmouth,	–	–	3,538	2,000	–	75 89	26 54	60 94	17 70	24 13
West Yarmouth,	–	–	1,313	966	–	70 00	35 00	50 00	15 00	10 00
Totals,	3,003,680	$3,590,690,106	5,476,763	10,791,618	$884,773 40	$104,388 58	$288,902 36	$265,429 52	$613,965 70	$322,465 24

[1] Has full privileges in the Becket Free Library.

APPENDIX IV

ADVISORY VISITORS

1908-1909

ADVISORY VISITORS

Miss May Ashley,	Greenfield.
Mrs. Francis C. Barlow,	Lenox.
Miss Alice G. Chandler,	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. Cole,	Wenham.
Mrs. W. Murray Crane,	Dalton.
Mrs. Zenas Crane,	Dalton.
Mrs. Frederic Cunningham,	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss Julia Delano,	New Bedford.
Miss Nellie G. Dodge,	Springfield.
Miss Ida F. Farrar,	Springfield.
Miss Anna B. Jackson,	North Adams.
Miss Ada L. Joslin,	Oxford.
Miss Amy Lowell,	Brookline.
Miss Madeline C. Mixter,	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss Mary Morison,	Boston.
Miss Mary L. Poland,	Springfield.
Miss Mary Rodman,	Concord.
Miss Alice Shepard,	Springfield.
Miss Martha N. Soule,	Hyannis.
Miss Mary G. Stone,	Manchester.
Miss Mary Anna Tarbell,	Brimfield.

APPENDIX V

A ROLL OF HONOR

LIST OF GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS

GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Acton,	Gift of Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
Amesbury,	Bequest of Mary A. Barnard and others.
Amherst, North,	Mainly the gift of citizens.
Andover,	Gift of citizens.
Arlington,	Gift of Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her husband.
Ashburnham,	Gift of George F. Stevens.
Ashby,	Gift of Edwin Chapman of Boston.
Ashland,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Attleborough,	Gift of citizens.
Ayer,	Gift of Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
Barnstable,	Gift of Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
Barre,	Gift of Henry Woods of Boston.
Becket,	Gift of Miss Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
Belchertown,	Bequest of John Francis Clapp.
Belmont,	Gift of Henry O. Underwood.
Bernardston,	Gift of Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
Billerica,	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
Blandford,	Gift of Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
Bolton,	Gift of Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.
Bourne,	Gift of Miss Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
Boylston,	Gift of Miss Salome E. White of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White.
Braintree,	Gift of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
Brimfield,	Gift of James Danielson Lincoln, as a memorial of his mother and his wife.
Brookfield,	Gift of William A. Banister of New York.
Cambridge,	Gift of Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
Canton,	Gift of Augustus Hemenway.
Carlisle,	Gift of Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
Charlemont,	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
Chatham,	Gift of Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
Chelmsford,	Gift of Amos F. Adams of Boston.
Chelsea,	Gift of Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, 1885; destroyed in the great fire of April 12, 1908. Gift of Andrew Carnegie, 1908, for a new building.
Clinton,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Cohasset,	Memorial of Paul Pratt.
Colrain,	Gift of Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
Concord,	Gift of William Munroe.
Conway,	Gift of Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
Cummington,	Gift of William Cullen Bryant.
Dalton,	Gift of the Crane family.
Danvers,	Gift of George Peabody.
Dartmouth, South,	Gift of John H. Southworth of Springfield.
Dedham,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
Deerfield,	Bequest of Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
Dennis,	Bequest of Jacob Sears.

DOUGLAS,	Gift of James M. Fairfield of Boston, as a memorial of his father and mother, Simon and Phœbe Churchill Fairfield.
DUNSTABLE,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Roby for a town hall and library building.
DUXBURY,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
EAST BRIDGEWATER,	Gift of Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
EASTHAM,	Gift of Eastham Village Improvement Society.
EASTHAMPTON,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
EASTON,	Gift of Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
EDGARTOWN,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ESSEX,	Bequest of T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
EVERETT,	Gift of Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
East Everett,	Bequest of William Shute.
FAIRHAVEN,	Gift of Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter, Millicent.
FITCHBURG,	Gift of Hon. Rodney Wallace.
FRANKLIN,	Gift of daughters of Hon. Joseph G. Ray, as a memorial of their father.
FREETOWN,	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
GARDNER,	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
West Gardner,	Gift of Mrs. Helen H. Greenwood, as a memorial of her husband, Alvin M. Greenwood.
GEORGETOWN,	Gift of George Peabody.
GLOUCESTER,	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.
GRANVILLE,	Gift of Hon. M. B. Whitney and others.
GREAT BARRINGTON,	Gift of heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell, as a memorial of their father at Housatonic.
GROTON,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
HADLEY,	Gift of John Dwight and others.
HANOVER,	Bequest of John Curtis of Boston, supplemented by gift of his daughter, Miss Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
HARDWICK,	Gift of Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
HARVARD,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
HARWICH, WEST,	Gift of Caleb Chase.
HATFIELD,	Bequest of Samuel H. Dickinson.
HAVERHILL,	Gift of Hon. E. J. M. Hale and other citizens.
HINGHAM,	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
HINSDALE,	Gift of citizens.
HOLDEN,	Gift of Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
HOLLISTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
HOLYOKE,	Gift of citizens.
HOPEDALE,	Gift of Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
HOPKINTON,	Gift of natives and residents of the town.
HUBBARDSTON,	Gift of Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
HUDSON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
IPSWICH,	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
KINGSTON,	Bequest of Frederic C. Adams.
LANCASTER,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
LAWRENCE,	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
LEE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
LEICESTER,	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
LENOX,	Gift of Mrs. Adeline E. Schermerhorn.
LEOMINSTER,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
LEXINGTON,	Gift of Mrs. Maria Cary, for a town hall and library building; gift of heirs of Mrs. Maria Cary, for separate library building.
LINCOLN,	Gift of George Grosvenor Tarbell.
LITTLETON,	Gift of children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.
LUDLOW,	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
LUNENBURG,	Gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
LYNN,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute, as a memorial of her husband.

MALDEN,	Gift of Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son.
MANCHESTER,	Gift of Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
MANSFIELD,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
MARBLEHEAD,	Bequest of Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
MARION,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
MARLBOROUGH,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
MARSHFIELD,	Bequest of Seth J. Ventress, for a library at Marshfield; also gift of Clift Rogers, for a library at Marshfield Hills.
MATTAPOISETT,	Gift of George Purrington, Jr.
MEDFORD,	Gift of Thatcher Magoun.
MELROSE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
METHUEN,	Gift of the heirs of David Nevins.
MIDDLEBOROUGH,	Bequest of Thomas S. Peirce.
MIDDLETON,	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
MONSON,	Gift of Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
MONTAGUE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Turner's Falls.
NATICK,	Bequest of Miss Mary Ann Morse.
South Natick,	Bequest of Oliver Bacon.
NEEDHAM,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Highlandville.
NEWBURYPORT,	Gift of citizens.
South Newburyport,	Gift of William H. Swasey and other citizens.
NEWTON,	Gift of J. Wiley Edmunds and other citizens.
NORTH ADAMS,	Gift of Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton.
NORTHAMPTON,	Bequest of John Clarke, supplemented by other gifts and by the city.
NORTHAMPTON,	Bequest of Hon. Charles Edward Forbes.
Florence,	Gift of Alfred T. Lilly.
NORTH ANDOVER,	Gift of Hon. Moses T. Stevens.
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH,	Gift of children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards, as a memorial of their parents.
NORTHBOROUGH,	Gift of Cyrus Gale.
NORTH BROOKFIELD,	Mainly the gift of Erasmus Haston.
NORTHFIELD,	Gift of Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
NORTH READING,	Gift of Mrs. Charles F. Flint.
NORTON,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
NORWOOD,	Gift of George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
OAKHAM,	Bequest of Charles A. Fobes of Petersham, as a memorial of his father, P. Ames Fobes; and gift of Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester and of Mrs. Harriet Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y., in memory of Hiram Fobes and Hiram Nye Fobes.
ORLEANS,	Built partly by subscriptions.
OXFORD,	Gift of Charles Larned of Boston.
PEABODY,	Gift of George Peabody.
PEMBROKE (*Bryantville*),	Gift of Mrs. Rozilla Cobb.
PEPPERELL,	Bequest of Charles F. Lawrence of New York.
PETERSHAM,	Built mainly by subscriptions.
PITTSFIELD,	Gift of Hon. Thomas Allen.
PLYMOUTH,	Gift of daughters of William G. Russell.
PRINCETON,	Gift of Edward A. Goodnow, as a family memorial.
PROVINCETOWN,	Gift of Hon. Nathan Freeman.
QUINCY,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
RANDOLPH,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
REHOBOTH,	Gifts of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
REVERE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ROCHESTER,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford.
ROCKLAND,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ROCKPORT,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
SALEM,	Gift of heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
SANDWICH,	Bequests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Weston of Plymouth.
SCITUATE, NORTH,	Gift of Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.

SHIRLEY,	Built mainly by bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen.
SHREWSBURY,	Bequest of Jubal Howe.
SHUTESBURY,	Bequest of Mirick N. Spear of Amherst.
SOMERSET,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Hood.
SOMERVILLE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie for a branch library at West Somerville.
SOUTHAMPTON,	Gift of Winslow H. Edwards, as a memorial of his father.
SOUTHBRIDGE,	Gift of Holmes Ammidown of New York.
SOUTH HADLEY,	Gift of William H. Gaylord; also gift of Andrew Carnegie for a building at South Hadley Falls.
SPENCER,	Gift of Richard Sugden.
SPRINGFIELD,	Gift of the City Library Association (1870); gift of Andrew Carnegie (1905) and others (1908); also of Andrew Carnegie (1908) for three branch library buildings.
STERLING,	Gift of Edward Conant of Worcester, as a memorial of his daughter, Elizabeth Anne.
STOCKBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
STONEHAM,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
STOUGHTON,	Gift of Lucius Clapp of Randolph.
STOW,	Gift of Miss Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.
STURBRIDGE,	Bequest of George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father, Joshua Hyde.
SUDBURY,	Bequest of John Goodnow of Boston.
SUNDERLAND,	Gift of John Long Graves.
SWANSEA,	Gift of Hon. F. S. Stevens.
TAUNTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
TISBURY,	Gift of Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur, as a memorial of her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux.
TYNGSBOROUGH,	Bequest of Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
UXBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
WALPOLE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
WARE,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde and others.
WARREN,	Gift of Nathan Richardson and others.
WATERTOWN,	Built by Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
WAYLAND,	Bequest of Warren Gould Roby.
WELLESLEY,	Gift of Hollis H. Hunnewell.
WEST BROOKFIELD,	Gift of Charles Merriam of Springfield.
WESTFORD,	Gift of Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
WESTMINSTER,	Bequest of Charles A. Forbush.
WESTWOOD,	Gift of Howard Colburn.
WEYMOUTH,	Gift of Quincy Tufts and his sister, Miss Susan Tufts.
South Weymouth,	Bequest of John S. Fogg.
WILLIAMSBURG,	Bequest of Stephen Meekins.
Haydenville,	Gift of Miss Anna Hayden.
WINCHENDON,	Gift of Charles L. Beals.
WINTHROP,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza W. Frost, as a memorial of her husband, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
WOBURN,	Bequest of Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father.
NORTH WOBURN,	Bequest of Jonathan Thompson, for a memorial of his wife.
WRENTHAM,	Gift of heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
YARMOUTH,	Gift of Nathan Matthews of Boston.

APPENDIX VI

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

REVISED LAWS, 1902, CHAPTER 38

GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. Library corporations and associations which have been legally established shall continue to have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and restrictions attaching thereto.

LAW LIBRARIES

SECTION 2. Attorneys at law who have been admitted to practise in the courts of the commonwealth and who are resident in a county for which there is no law library association may organize as a corporation, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-five, by the name of the Law Library Association for such county, and may adopt by-laws which shall be subject to the approval of the superior court.

SECTION 3. The inhabitants of the county shall have access to the library and may use the books therein, subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

SECTION 4. County treasurers shall annually pay to the law library associations in their respective counties all sums which are paid into the county treasuries during the year by the clerks of the courts, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars in any one year. They may also pay to said associations such further sums as the county commissioners may consider are necessary and proper. All sums which are so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and citizens. The treasurer of the law library association, before receiving any money from the county treasurer, shall give bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of such money, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which it has been expended.

SECTION 5. Each law library association shall be entitled to receive from the sergeant-at-arms, immediately after their publication, one copy of the legislative documents of the senate and house, the journal of the senate and the journal of the house.

CITY AND TOWN LIBRARIES

SECTION 6. A city or town may establish and maintain public libraries for the use of its inhabitants, under regulations prescribed by the city council or by the town, and may receive, hold and manage

any gift, bequest or devise for such library. The city council of a city or the selectmen of a town may place in such library the books, reports and laws which may be received from the commonwealth.

Trustees of Town Libraries

Section 7. A town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading room, owned by the town, shall, at an annual meeting or special meeting, unless the same has been acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its trustees or for its care and management which have been accepted by the town, elect by ballot a board of trustees consisting of any number of persons, male or female, divisible by three, which the town determines to elect. When such board is first chosen, one-third thereof shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third shall be elected annually for the term of three years. The board shall, from its own number, annually choose a chairman and secretary and, if the town so votes, a treasurer, who shall give a bond similar to that given by the town treasurer, in an amount and with sureties to the satisfaction of the selectmen. The town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees until the town otherwise directs.

Section 8. The board shall have the custody and management of the library and reading room and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance shall be expended by the board, and all money or property which the town may receive by gift or bequest for said library and reading room shall be administered by the board in accordance with the provisions of such gift or bequest.

Section 9. The board shall make an annual report to the town of its receipts and expenditures and of the property in its custody, with a statement of any unexpended balance of money and of any gifts or bequests which it holds in behalf of the town, with its recommendations.

Section 10. The provisions of the three preceding sections shall not apply to library associations, nor to a library organized under a special act.

Board of Free Public Library Commissioners

Section 11. There shall be a board of free public library commissioners consisting of five persons, residents of the commonwealth, one of whom shall annually be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of five years. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof.

Section 12. No member shall receive any compensation, but the board may annually expend not more than five hundred dollars, payable

by the commonwealth, for clerical assistance and for other necessary expenses. It shall annually in January make a report to the general court.

SECTION 13. The board shall advise the librarian or trustees of any free public library relative to the selection or cataloguing of books and any other matter pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

SECTION 14. Said board may, upon the application of the library trustees of a town which has complied with the provisions of sections sixteen and seventeen, and which has no free public library owned and controlled by the town, expend not more than one hundred dollars for books to be selected and purchased by said board and delivered to said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library.

SECTION 15. If a town, the valuation of which is not more than six hundred thousand dollars and which has a free public library, has complied with all laws relative to the maintenance of such library, and the trustees of the library provide, to the satisfaction of the board, for the distribution of books in different parts of the town where such distribution is necessary, by means of branch libraries or deliveries, and for practical and effective means of rendering the library useful to the teachers and scholars of the public schools in such town, the board may expend, in such amounts and at such times as they determine, not more than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books for each free public library owned and controlled by such town.

SECTION 16. A town shall not be entitled to the benefits of the three preceding sections until it accepts the same or has accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in section seven, nor until said trustees have made provision satisfactory to said commissioners for the care and distribution of the books furnished by them.

SECTION 17. Such town shall, if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or over, annually appropriate from the dog tax, or otherwise provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, not less than fifty dollars; if such valuation was less than one million dollars and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand, not less than twenty-five dollars; and if such valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, not less than fifteen dollars.

ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 183

AN ACT TO AID FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE SMALL TOWNS

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of free public library commissioners may annually expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars in aid of free public libraries, especially in those towns the valuation of which does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars. Such aid may include the furnishing of

books in small quantities, visits to libraries, the instruction of librarians, and such other means of encouraging and stimulating the small libraries as said commissioners shall deem advisable: *provided*, that a full detail of expenditures under this act shall be printed in the annual report of the commissioners.

Appropriation of Money for Libraries, etc.

Section 15, chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, provides that towns may appropriate money "for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein, and for the erection or provision of suitable buildings or rooms therefor."

"For maintaining a library therein to which the inhabitants have free access and of which they have the use, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room in connection with and under the control of the managers of such library."

The Dog Tax

Section 163, chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, provides that money received for dog licenses and refunded to the towns "shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools."

Defacing or Wilful Detention of Books, Papers, etc.

Sections 83 and 84, chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, provide that "whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or statute which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

"Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, detains a book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library for thirty days after notice in writing from the librarian thereof, containing a copy of this section and given after the expiration of the time which, by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

Disturbing Public Libraries

Section 33, chapter 212 of the Revised Laws, provides that "whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library, or a reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner

during the time when such library or reading room is open to the public shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

Land may be taken for Library Buildings

Section 47 of chapter 25 of the Revised Laws provides that "any land within the limits of a city or town not appropriated to public uses" may be taken "for the purpose of erecting thereon a building to be used for a public school, a library, or an engine house, or for the enlargement of a lot of land taken or used for such purpose," — but the land thus taken may not exceed two acres in extent.

Public Documents

Under provisions of chapter 9 of the Revised Laws, each town and city library is entitled to receive a copy of the Manual of the General Court, the Blue Book, and a copy of the series of public documents.

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MISS ELIZABETH P. SOHIER, BEVERLY	1912
FRANK H. HOWES, NEWTON	1913
HILLER C. WELLMAN, SPRINGFIELD	1914
MISS ANNA M. BANCROFT, HOPEDALE	1914

AGENT

MISS ZAIDEE BROWN . . . . STATE LIBRARY, BOSTON

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twenty-first report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1909, to Nov. 30, 1910.

The Commission

Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz, much to the regret of the other members of the commission, resigned from the Board on Jan. 26, 1910. Miss Anna M. Bancroft of Hopedale was appointed by Governor Draper to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Agassiz, ending on Nov. 17, 1914. Mr. Frank H. Howes of Newton was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Mr. Deloraine P. Corey, ending on Oct. 14, 1913. Mr. Charles F. D. Belden of Cambridge was reappointed, on Oct. 13, 1910, as chairman of the commission for the full term of five years.

Free Libraries classified

A complete list of the towns under the various classifications will be found in Appendix II. to the report. It will be noted with satisfaction that Washington possesses a library owned and controlled by the town, and free for circulation to all the people. Newbury now has the unique distinction of being the only town in the State without a free public library. It makes, however, an annual appropriation toward the support of the Newburyport Public Library, in which its citizens have full privileges.

Libraries aided

The Free Public Library Commission has supplied books to the following towns during the year: —

Alford,	Halifax,	Prescott,
Bellingham,	Hampden,	Richmond,
Berkley,	Hancock,	Rowe,
Bolton,	Harwich,	Sandisfield,
Burlington,	Heath,	Shutesbury,
Carlisle,	Lanesborough,	Southampton,
Charlemont,	Leyden,	Southwick,
Chester,	Middlefield,	Sunderland,
Chesterfield,	Monroe,	Tolland,
Dana,	Monterey,	Truro,
Dunstable,	New Marlborough,	Tyngsborough,
Enfield,	Oak Bluffs,	Wales,
Erving,	Oakham,	Warwick,
Goshen,	Paxton,	Wellfleet,
Granby,	Pelham,	Whately,
Granville,	Peru,	Windsor. — 49.
Greenwich,		

In addition, library cards were supplied to the Blandford and Russell libraries.

Instruction of Librarians

The tuition of two librarians, one from Auburn and the other from Charlemont, has been paid by the commission at the Summer Library School of Simmons College. In other cases it has seemed wiser to send a competent instructor to the town requiring such aid. This has been done in Monroe Bridge, Wellfleet and West Stockbridge.

Woman's Education Association

The commission gratefully acknowledges the aid of the Woman's Education Association of Boston in carrying on the system of traveling libraries in the smaller towns and outlying villages, and in preparing the lists of new books distributed twice a year by the commission. These lists have been greatly appreciated by the smaller libraries. In some cases orders have

been sent for all the books on the list or for all the children's books.

Ninety-four towns and villages have received the benefit of the traveling libraries during the past year, as follows: —

Alford,
Amherst,[1]
Andover,[1]
Annisquam,
Ashburnham,[1]
Assonet (Freetown),[1]
Auburn,[2]
Bedford,[1]
Belchertown,[1]
Blandford,[1]
Bolton,[2]
Boxborough,
Braintree,[1]
Briggsville (Clarksburg),[1]
Bryantville (Pembroke),[1]
Buckland,
Chester Center,
Chilmark,
Clarksburg,
Colrain,
Cotuit,[1]
Dalton,[1]
Dana,
Dartmouth,[1]
Drury (Florida),
Dunstable,
Duxbury,[1]
East Freetown,
East Longmeadow,[1]
Erving,
Farley (Erving),
Florida,
Georgetown,[1]
Goshen,
Greenwich,
Groveland,[1]
Halifax,
Hancock,
Hartsville (New Marlborough),
Hawley,
Heath,
Hudson,[2]
Huntington,
Knightsville (Huntington),
Leicester,[1]
Leominster,[1]
Leverett,
Leyden,
Littleville (Chester),
Ludlow,[1]
Medfield,[1]
Merrimac,[2]
Miller's Falls,
Monroe Bridge,
Monterey,
Montgomery,
New Ashford,
New Braintree,
New Salem,
North Chester,
North Reading,[1]
Oak Bluffs,
Oakham,
Otis,
Paxton,
Pelham,
Peru,
Plainfield,
Reading,[1]
Rowe,
Russell,
Rutland,
Sandisfield,
Shrewsbury,[2]
Southampton,[1]
Southfield (New Marlborough),
Sturbridge,[1]
Swift River (Cummington),
Tyngsborough,[1]
Tyringham,
Uxbridge,[1]
Wales,
Washington,
Wellfleet,
Wendell,
West Boylston,[1]
West Center (West Stockbridge),
West Cummington,
West Newbury,[2]
Westport,
West Stockbridge,
Whately,[2]
Wheelwright (Hardwick),
Windsor. — 94.

Twenty of the libraries are special libraries, namely, Florence, Rome, Venice and Egypt; French, Spanish, Dutch, Ger-

[1] Special libraries were sent to these towns.
[2] Audubon libraries were sent to these towns.

man, Italian and Greek art; English architecture, Shakespeare, travel in France, religion, arts and crafts, and health; and four Audubon libraries.

Twenty-three sets of pictures have been circulated during the year, and have made 143 visits to 109 places. These sets include: English water-colors, China, Switzerland, Grand Canyon, Woman in art, India, New York, Alaska, Venetian art, Art Museum pictures, Rome, Walter Crane fairy stories, Gardens of Italy, Famous cathedrals, Canadian Pacific Railroad, Fishes and birds, Glimpses of Europe, California, From Naples to Pæstum and the Yosemite Valley. The Walter Crane pictures give much pleasure to children. At Hubbardston the librarian opened the library an hour before the regular time and read aloud the stories they illustrated. While the India pictures were at Duxbury, a missionary familiar with the views made them doubly interesting by giving his personal experiences. Rev. Mr. Allen of South Williamstown twice carried a Swiss set in his arms to schools three miles away, and showed it before large companies in two houses. "As the majority of the people have never been more than fifty miles from here, they were particularly helpful and instructive." Cotuit called for something on Portugal, to interest the many Portuguese in the town, and a roll of pictures from the "Illustrated London News," illustrating the late change in rulers, was mailed to the librarian. Similar newspaper pictures of the funeral of King Edward and the accession of King George were sent, on request, to Oak Bluffs.

The association has also made gifts of books to a number of the smaller libraries, and has aided in every way possible the work of the commission.

Advisory Visitors

The commission wishes again to express its grateful appreciation of the valuable aid which it has received from the board of advisory visitors, of which Miss Katharine P. Loring is chairman. Members of this board have visited over 80 libraries during the year, and have reported either verbally or in writing as to their condition and needs. Miss Alice G. Chand-

ler, whose long connection with the traveling libraries has made her personally familiar with so many of the little towns, has been able to visit this year 42 of the smaller libraries, many of them either with some member of the commission or with other members of the advisory board, to whom her long and intimate acquaintance with the people and conditions of each locality has proved of great assistance. Miss Martha N. Soule, of the Hyannis State Normal School, who, with Mrs. Agassiz, has long watched over the interests of the little libraries on the Cape, has, as usual, visited many of the local libraries, and has been constantly consulted by their librarians and trustees. She has also held many conferences with superintendents of schools and teachers. At the annual teachers' institute at Hyannis she had an opportunity to give a most useful talk on "The library as an adjunct to history teaching in the upper grades," and at the district meeting of the teachers of Sandwich, Bourne and Mashpee she gave a shorter address on library work and children's reading.

Several of the visitors are librarians, and, owing to their own duties, are unable to make many visits, but they stand ready at all times to advise the trustees and librarians in their neighborhood, who consult them at their libraries or by letter or telephone, and this assistance has been highly appreciated.

The visitors always seek to receive suggestions as well as to offer them, and the trustees of many a little town are more influenced by learning that some innovation has proved a success in a neighboring library than they could be in any other way. They welcome a visitor who can tell them what other towns are doing, and are inspired to imitate what has already proved its usefulness elsewhere.

The Expenditures for the Year

Appropriation for aid to libraries	$2,000 00
Expended for instruction and cataloguing at Monroe Bridge, Wellfleet and West Stockbridge	$55 28
A. L. A. pamphlets for distribution	8 60
Book lists for all the libraries in the State	272 90
Tuition and expenses at Simmons College summer school for librarians of Auburn and Charlemont	155 50
Expressage, postage, printing and traveling expenses	150 44
Clerical assistance	29 33
Books supplied to 49 towns	565 20
Books purchased for distribution	752 37
Total	$1,989 62
Leaving an unexpended balance of	10 38
	$2,000 00
Appropriation for expenses	$3,000 00
Collecting and digesting returns from libraries	$200 00
Binding commission reports	17 47
Exhibition of library map at N. E. A. meeting	13 35
Expressage, office supplies and postage	180 67
Engraving and printing	159 71
Traveling expenses	175 77
Salary of agent	266 66
Clerical assistance	157 53
Total	$1,171 16
Leaving an unexpended balance of	1,828 84
	$3,000 00
Paid for printing annual report	$269 15
Appropriation for printing annual report	$250 00
Transferred from "small items account"	19 15
Total	$269 15

Notes of Progress

Appendix I., containing the notes of library progress, has been materially shortened by grouping together similar facts from several libraries instead of repeating the same information under the specific library in the alphabetical list. Thus, many of the small libraries doing excellent work are entirely omitted, especially where the main items of interest were increased work with the schools, access to open shelves and permission for card holders to take from the library more than one book at a time.

Co-operation with the Schools

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature in the reports of the libraries for the year is the increasing attention paid to work with schools. Most of the libraries report special privileges to teachers and pupils, liberal provision of books needed for study, and reference help given by the library. In many places the school is used as a distributing agency, loaning books for general reading both to children and adults. In towns where the population is scattered, and the library has only a small income, this plan makes the books generally available at little or no expense. In cities, also, this method proves its value, bringing the books to children and families who have not yet learned to use the library, or who live too far from a library building to use it readily. Where the teacher is interested and familiar with the books, she may do much in guiding the reading of the children and in helping them to understand and appreciate what they read. The opportunity of the teacher in this line is so great, and such work is so beneficial to the regular school studies, that there is an increasing feeling that teachers should be given more training in the use of a library, the relative value of different children's books and the larger use of reading to supplement the work of the text-book. The normal schools, the teachers' institutes and the meetings of school superintendents give opportunity for such training and for increasing the interest of the teachers. The commission hopes, through co-operation with the State Board of Education, to bring about increasing attention to the library and its possibilities, and more definite instruction to teachers.

As an aid to the intelligent use of the library by the schools, a collection has been made of outlines used in various places to instruct either teachers or pupils in the use of a library. These outlines will be loaned on request to any librarian who wishes to undertake something of the sort. This collection includes courses given in normal schools.

So many libraries report that they are doing special work with the schools that the list is too long to print. We have noted, however, eighty-three libraries in whose reports special mention was made of such work, and can furnish the list to any librarian or trustee who would like to know of neighboring libraries that are working with the schools, in order to observe their methods and profit by their experience. The character of the work naturally varies widely. The special privileges granted to teachers range from a rather small number of books allowed to unlimited privileges, and from the ordinary time limit on these to three months or more. The collections sent to the schools may be miscellaneous in character, or they may be books chosen, at the teacher's request, to illustrate certain subjects. When the school is used as a deposit station, the care and circulation of the books for general reading, the labor of charging and discharging, sometimes make the teacher unwilling to keep a collection in her room. In such cases an older pupil is appointed acting librarian, and can be taught to do the charging and discharging. If the system is reasonably simple, children are usually glad to render this service. It may be added that a large amount of unpaid service is rendered by the many teachers who assume the responsibility and care required by these schoolroom libraries, and that through this service they add greatly to the usefulness of the libraries. The commission will furnish on request other details as to methods and experience of libraries in their co-operation with the schools.

Access to Shelves

In libraries to-day the tendency is to allow the public free access to the books. Where this is done, readers enjoy the library more; they take out a greater number and variety of books, they learn much by wandering among the shelves and examining the books, they find the books that suit their taste

and they save work for the librarian by waiting on themselves. To be sure, they often put back the books out of order, but some learn the method of arrangement, and in time put the books where they belong; and in the case of those who cannot learn, the labor of putting the books in order is probably not greater than the labor of getting all the books for readers where access is not allowed. In large communities there may be a question as to the practicability of general access to the books; but in villages, where there is less danger of theft or mutilation, and where the librarian knows all the patrons, the benefits would seem to far outweigh the disadvantages. Of the libraries that adopt the plan, even in cities, few return to closed shelves.

It may be of interest to know how the libraries of the State stand at present as to open access. In the report blank sent out by the commission is the question, "Are the readers allowed to go freely to the shelves?" To this, 253 libraries answer "Yes;" 65 answer "No;" and 60 describe some form of partial access to the shelves. Probably some of those answering "No" really allow partial access. In some cases readers are admitted on permission of the librarian, or part of the books are open to the public, or adults only have access, or the juvenile books only are open, or the privilege is granted only to certain people in the community, or only during certain hours. It is a rather common practice, where the shelves are not open, to leave the new books where the public may examine them. It may be necessary, under certain conditions, to allow readers to examine freely only the new books, but the obvious tendency of this is to concentrate attention upon these books, increase the demand for them and lessen the use of equally worthy books that are not under the eye of the public. An interesting device to bring before the public in time all the books is the plan originally adopted at Pittsfield. The books are placed in rotation on prominent shelves near the delivery desk. After a time these are put back in their own places, and other books are put on these shelves. Thus, eventually, the whole library passes under the eye of the public. This plan has also met with success in other libraries, and might well be tried where the collection is not too large.

At Boxford there have been established two "self-acting"

delivery stations, one in the village store and the other at the railroad station. The books are changed every few weeks, and the patrons charge themselves with the volumes taken in a blank book hung by the shelves. In over a year no books have been lost. Young men who never visit the library have made good use of the "store shelf," and the station collection has been a great boon to waiting passengers.

Number of Books allowed to Each Reader

There is an increasing and gratifying tendency to allow each reader to take more than one book at a time. Many librarians and trustees have realized that a book idle on the shelves is an investment that is temporarily yielding no interest, is unused capital, and that only the volumes in actual use are serving a good end. Those that are idle might as well be non-existent during their period of idleness. The real value of a library to a community is measured by the amount of use that is made of it, not by the brave showing of volumes on the shelves. The rule of two books to a reader, only one being fiction, is a fairly general one, and moderate enough to work no injustice to other readers. Many add to this privilege the use of one or more magazines. In general, the smaller the population in proportion to the number of books, the more generous can be the library to each patron without depriving other readers. In fact, however, many libraries in small communities are least liberal in their privileges, often because it has been the custom to follow a rule established when the library was much smaller. In the majority of libraries one may take several books upon a subject of special study. Some libraries go further than this, and allow several books even for casual reading. Below is noted such libraries as have recently come to the commission's attention, with the number of volumes allowed to each reader: —

Attleborough — fiction, 2; non-fiction, 2.
Blackstone — fiction, 1; non-fiction, unlimited.
Charlemont — fiction, 1; non-fiction, 2 or 3.
Danvers — fiction, 1; non-fiction, unlimited.
Dartmouth — 3 books to a reader.
Fairhaven — fiction, 1; current magazine, 1; non-fiction, unlimited.

Lexington — no limit, except on popular fiction.
Milton — no limit, except on new fiction.
Quincy — no limit, except on fiction and three-day magazines.
Southbridge — fiction, 1; non-fiction, "several."
Walpole — fiction, 1 new and 1 old; non-fiction, unlimited.
Winchester — "Any reasonable number of either fiction or non-fiction, not new or in great demand."
Woburn — fiction, 1; non-fiction, unlimited.

New Buildings

Following is a list of libraries that have new buildings or will have them in the near future. In some cases the building is now under construction. Details may be found under the town in Appendix I.

Auburn,
Brockton,
Brookline,[1]
Chelsea,[1]
Chicopee Center,
Falmouth (Woods Hole),
Goshen,[1]
Great Barrington,
Harwich (West Harwich),
Leominster,[1]
Longmeadow,[1]
Lunenburg,[1]
New Bedford,[1]
Royalston,
Sandwich,[1]
Somerset,[1]
Southborough,
Spencer,
Springfield,
Winchendon.

A list of givers of free public library buildings in Massachusetts may be found in the report for 1910, Appendix V.

Public Documents, etc.

So many inquiries have been made by small libraries in reference to the books, reports and laws distributed by the Commonwealth to the cities and towns, that the commission calls attention to the following laws: —

Acts of 1908, Chapter 142.

Section 1. Each city and town shall provide a suitable place, or places, to be approved by the commissioner of public records, for the preservation and convenient use of all books, reports and laws received from the commonwealth; and for every month's neglect so to do shall forfeit ten dollars.

Section 2. Said books, reports and laws shall be in the custody or control of the city or town clerk, unless the city council or select-

[1] Building completed.

men shall, by vote, designate some other officer, the town counsel or other person to have said custody or control of either all or part of the same.

ACTS OF 1908, CHAPTER 422.

In case a city or town at any annual city or town election shall vote not to receive the series of public documents, and the commissioner of public records shall report to the secretary of the commonwealth that in his opinion such city or town is unable to make suitable provision for the care and use of such documents, he may discontinue sending such documents to such city or town.

NEW LIBRARY LEGISLATION

Following the recommendations suggested in the last report of the commission, the Legislature of 1910 passed an act authorizing the appointment of an agent, with the consent of the Governor. On Oct. 1, 1910, Miss Zaidee M. Brown, for two years organizer for the Division of Educational Extension of the New York State Education Department, began active service as agent of the commission.

In order to make more effective the work among libraries, and especially among the smaller libraries, the members of the commission recommend the establishment of some form of cooperation through the means of interlibrary loans. A library should be permitted to loan its books, under such conditions as may be approved by its board of trustees, to nonresidents or to other libraries. It is also desirable that a town or board of trustees of a library should be able to obtain for the citizens of a said town the privilege of borrowing books from the library of another town, and if necessary to appropriate money for that purpose.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,
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Commissioners.

Deloraine Pendre Corey.

At a meeting of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, held on May 24, 1910: —

Resolved, That this commission desires to place on record its recognition of the great loss which it has sustained in the death of Deloraine P. Corey.

Appointed by the Governor a member of this commission in 1903, — after the death of Hon. Henry S. Nourse, — he at once assumed the arduous duties which no other member of the Board could have undertaken. The Board was at that time without any regular paid assistant, and Mr. Corey cheerfully assumed the wearisome correspondence and the preparation of statistics required for the annual reports, with only such assistance as was permitted by a limited appropriation for clerical work. As a member of the subcommittee on the supervision of the publication of vital statistics, he brought to the assistance of the State his special knowledge and deep interest in such records. After the death of Mr. Tillinghast, at the earnest request of the Governor and of the surviving members of the commission, he served as chairman of the Board for some months, and patiently undertook the complicated work and personal supervision of details which at that critical time devolved upon the chairman. No task was too trivial and no duty too arduous to receive his earnest and prompt attention.

His business training and exactitude made him a wise counsellor and a successful administrator of the many important matters which were committed to his charge, and he endeared himself to all with whom he was associated by his unfailing tact and gracious courtesy.

APPENDICES

I. Notes of Library Progress.

II. Towns classified as to Libraries.

III. Names of Free Public Libraries and Librarians.

IV. Advisory Visitors, 1910–11.

V. Directions for the Librarian of a Small Library.

APPENDIX I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

ACUSHNET. Two entertainments given for the benefit of the library permitted the purchase of four histories and a fine set of Dickens. Bound volumes, 3,250; circulation, 6,470.

ADAMS. Recataloguing old books and classifying according to the decimal system is being done as fast as other work permits. The librarian gives talks on the use of the library to the higher grade pupils in the public schools. Bound volumes, 15,356; circulation, 43,273.

AMESBURY. By the will of the late M. Newell Huntington of Amesbury the library has received a legacy of $15,000. Of this, $1,000 is for preserving in the library his collection of curios; the income of $1,000 is to be used for the purchase of books; the balance goes into the invested funds. Bound volumes, about 15,000; circulation, 38,727.

AMHERST. North Amherst Public Library. It is reported that a bequest of $100 for the benefit of the library was contained in the will of Miss Fields. Bound volumes, 2,330; circulation, about 3,000.

ARLINGTON. The branch reading room at Arlington Heights has been removed from undesirable quarters to a room in a new school building, and a few books for circulation are kept there. This is a temporary arrangement, but it is much appreciated. Bound volumes, 23,774; circulation, 44,887.

ASHBURNHAM. A delivery station has been established at South Ashburnham, a package of books being sent there each week. Bound volumes, about 6,000; circulation, about 7,000.

ASHBY. The library has received a bequest of $800 by the will of Harriet J. Farr of Glens Falls, N. Y., who remembered her home town by making its library her residuary legatee. Gifts of books have been received from the Free Library Commission, the Woman's Education Association and from the library of the late Rev. George S. Shaw, by his direction. Bound volumes, about 4,200; circulation, 3,025.

ASHFIELD. The library has been moved from the Sanderson Academy to the town hall, where the books are placed along one side, and separated from the rest of the hall by a wire screen. The librarian is planning to classify and catalogue the books. She has begun the card catalogue, and hopes to have volunteer help in making it. Miss Brown, of the Free Public Library Commission, visited the library in October, and helped her plan the work. Andrew Carnegie has offered to give $3,000 for a library building, on the usual terms, but there is opposition to accepting the offer. Mr. M. M. Belding, a silk manufacturer, a native of the town, offers to give one-half the money necessary to build an addition to the academy for the library. There are complications in the way of accepting this plan, as the town owns neither the library nor the academy building. The library is controlled by an association, and the academy building is in charge of a board of trustees. Gifts during the year include $50 from Miss Theodora Sedgwick and $25 from Mr. Rupert Norton. Bound volumes, 6,336; circulation, about 4,000.

ASHLAND. Mrs. Frances E. Weston of Roxbury left the library a bequest of 400 books, a painting and a large mahogany bookcase. After the August stock-taking, not one book was found missing. Bound volumes, 7,600; circulation, not reported.

ATTLEBOROUGH. The library has received a gift of $2,000 from Mr. Daniel H. Smith of Attleborough, to be known as the Daniel H. Smith fund. The principal is to be kept intact, but there is no limitation as to the interest. Bound volumes, 14,685; circulation, 48,262.

AUBURN. On Aug. 16, 1910, the town accepted the offer, made by Mr. Leander S. Merriam, of $10,000 for a new library building, to be called the Merriam Memorial. The building is to be on the town lot at Auburn Center, and work upon it has begun. Bound volumes, 3,201; circulation, 3,604.

BARNSTABLE. The town of Barnstable contains seven libraries, all supported by endowment or private effort.

Cotuit Public Library. Among the noteworthy gifts of the year were $500 from Mrs. Wesson, $100 from Mr. Horace Sears and $50 from Mrs. Coolidge. The books have been classified by the Dewey system, and a simple dictionary catalogue made. Bound volumes, 4,536; circulation, 5,450.

Hyannis Public Library Association. Ladies of the village repair and catalogue books, and assist the librarian in various ways. A branch has been established at South Hyannis. The use of the library is allowed free for a class in French, and in general for all educational purposes. Bound volumes, 3,093; circulation, 5,200.

Marston's Mills Public Library. The circulation for the year shows a most encouraging increase, — 1,087, as against 567 in 1908. Bound volumes, 1,250.

Osterville Public Library. The books have been rearranged and a card catalogue made. A branch has been established at Wianno. Bound volumes, 4,000; circulation, not reported.

WEST BARNSTABLE. Linder Library. The history of this library has not been given before in our reports, and is interesting as showing what can be done by public spirit and volunteer help. On several occasions between 1895 and 1899 Mrs. George Linder of Boston sent books to the village, and these were kept in the school building. About 1897 or 1898 the books were moved to the anteroom of Otis Hall, and Miss Elizabeth C. Jenkins volunteered her services as librarian. On Jan. 20, 1899, ten citizens met pursuant to call, and formed the Linder Library Association, electing Mrs. Linder president and Miss Florence A. Bursley secretary and treasurer. As the library outgrew its quarters, a building was talked of. Funds were secured by committees, and in 1905 a building was erected, at a cost of $1,050. Much of the labor on the building was contributed. The building is now free of debt, and the library has a fund of about $1,000. Miss Carrie P. Bursley is engaged as librarian, and the library is open every Saturday afternoon. By advice of the Tax Commissioner the Linder Library Corporation was incorporated in May, 1909, and the former library association has assigned all its interest to it. Bound volumes, 1,480; circulation, 1,469.

BEDFORD. The trustees report that the library has received from a resident a gift of land and buildings. One of the buildings, a fine stable, is being fitted up for a library annex. A bequest of $25 was received from a former resident of Bedford. Bound volumes, 9,802; circulation, 9,066.

BELLINGHAM. The library uses "Who and what" envelopes at the reading tables to promote the reference habit and cultivate an acquaintance with current events. Many gifts of books have been received from Mr. John Albee of Washington, Mr. Frank Rand of Bellingham, and Mrs. G. E. O'Connor. Bound volumes, 3,246; circulation, 4,982.

BELMONT. The delivery stations at Waverley and at Payson Park are maintained and prove very useful. Books added during the year, 731, bring the total up to nearly 15,000; circulation, 24,013.

Waverley Reading Room. A movement was started a few months ago in the Men's League of the Congregational Church at Waverley to secure an extension of library facilities to this village. As a result, on November 30 a branch reading room was opened in the old Daniel Butler school building. The opening meeting was

largely attended, and addresses were made by prominent men in the town government and others. The reading room is to be open from 3 to 6 and from 7 to 9 P.M. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The new branch, of which Miss Bessie T. Gates is in charge, is supplied with reference books and the leading magazines, and will be a great boon to many patrons who have found it inconvenient to go to the main library, which is a mile from the village of Waverley. It is hoped to make the new room a delivery station, and to bring about a freer exchange of books from the main library.

BEVERLY. The will of Rev. Augustus Woodbury, D.D., late of Concord, N. H., left $17,025 to the library. A bequest of $1,000 has been received from Mrs. William Endicott, Jr., and 707 volumes from William Endicott, Jr. Two deposit stations, at Centerville and Preston Place, have proved very satisfactory. Books are sent to six schools and changed every six months. Bound volumes, 32,000; circulation, 84,708, — an increase of nearly 5,000 over the previous year.

BLACKSTONE. Delivery stations have been established at Millville and East Blackstone. Bound volumes, 8,205; circulation, 7,531.

BLANDFORD. The Hampden Association of Congregational Ministers has turned over to the library trustees some interesting documents of the period of the French and Indian wars and the ministry of Rev. James Morton. These documents contain the signatures of many residents of that time, among them some of the original settlers. The trustees propose to put these relics under glass, for exhibition in the library. The receipt of $100 from the trustees of the Porter fund, to be expended for books or insurance is noted. Bound volumes, 2,569; circulation, 2,656, besides 1,008 magazines. Circulation at the North Blandford branch, 753.

BOSTON. The trustees' report gives a brief history of each of the eleven branches, and shows the great increase in their circulation and usefulness. The library also supports 17 reading rooms, with small permanent collections of books; and supplies with books 120 public and parochial schools, 58 engine houses and 29 institutions. It has sent out by its delivery wagons an average of about 400 volumes daily. The need of better accommodations for the branches and reading rooms is urged by the trustees, and by the examining committee appointed in compliance with the city ordinance. This committee commends the work of the various departments. The library report notes numerous valuable gifts received during the year. Bound volumes, 961,522; increase for the year, 35,759; circulation for home use, 1,647,846.

BOURNE. At the town meeting in March, 1910, the town increased its appropriation to the library from $600 to $1,100. The librarian, Mrs. Nickerson, who attended the summer library class at

Simmons College in 1909, has since then classified and catalogued the books. Many summer residents have given money for books, about $300 being received. Mr. R. W. Emmons of Boston, chairman of the trustees, has given 75 books, and has helped the library greatly by his interest and his success in interesting others. Miss Bourne, who gave the library in memory of her father, has recently presented it with several pictures and numerous books from her library. Bound volumes, 3,500; circulation, 5,918.

Boxford. Boxford Public Library. An interesting experiment in "self-acting" delivery stations has been tried for the past year with great success, and the same plan might be tried elsewhere. Shelves have been put up in the village store and in the railroad station, and collections of books are kept on these shelves and changed every two or three weeks. A blank book is hung beside the shelves and patrons charge themselves with the books taken. The secretary of the trustees writes: "We have tried this for a year and have lost no books. Young men who never visit the library have used the store shelf freely, and it has had an excellent effect. The collection at the railroad station has been a boon to waiting passengers, as well as to residents of that part of the town, two miles from the library." Bound volumes, 3,182; circulation, not reported.

West Boxford Public Library Association. The library building was presented to the association several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Davis of North Andover. The librarian, Miss Spofford, has recently made an author and title catalogue of the library on cards. Bound volumes, about 2,000; circulation, 984.

Braintree. A branch was opened at East Braintree in the fall of 1909, and is now open every Monday and Thursday evening. Bound volumes, 14,856; circulation, 31,675.

Bridgewater. The Browne charging system has been adopted. Bound volumes, 15,551; circulation, 29,493.

Brimfield. Mrs. Mary Knight Hyde of Ware, a native of Brimfield, has given $100 to be added to the fund bearing her name. Mr. George F. Kenney, principal of the academy, has given a 60-compartment oak tray for charging slips, made in the newly established workshop of the academy. The exhibitions of forestry, agriculture and pomology mentioned in the report of last year have been continued, and are waking up the young people to the possibilities of country life. The library continues to be a main social centre. It contains a museum of relics illustrating past literary activities of the town. Bound volumes, about 6,500; circulation, about 6,600.

BROCKTON. The first step toward the construction of the new $75,000 Carnegie library was taken on Sept. 26, 1910, when the mayor and the library trustees appointed George H. Leach, Horace Richmond and Eugene F. O'Neill to secure plans and report to the Board. The location has been selected, but work probably will not begin before spring. Bound volumes, 55,995; circulation, 210,791.

BROOKFIELD. A delivery station was established in June, 1910, at Podunk, to which books are carried free of charge, once a month, by one of the townspeople. Miss E. Frances Underwood is in charge of the delivery. Bound volumes, 18,178; circulation, 17,537.

BROOKLINE. The new library building was dedicated on Nov. 17, 1910. Though this was the formal opening, the library had occupied the new building since September 1. Before that the work was carried on in the old building, which was moved to the corner of the lot. It has since been torn down. The usual service of the public was not interrupted, even while the books were being moved into the new building. Brookline may well be proud of its new library. The town appropriation for the building, including temporary arrangements and moving, was $244,000, with an additional appropriation of $7,000 for furniture. The front part of the main floor is occupied by the delivery room in the center, the children's room on one side and the periodical reading room on the other. At the back of the building is the book room, the most unusual feature of the new building. It is a beautiful, oblong room, panelled in oak, with windows on three sides, and alcoves formed by bookcases. The reference desk is in the center. All the fiction and current magazines are shelved in the delivery room, to give greater quiet in the book room. About 18,000 of the more used books, including some from nearly every class, are shelved in this room, and are, of course open to the public. The less used books are in the stack below, and may be consulted on application at the reference desk. The second story contains a room for lectures or exhibitions. Bound volumes, 70,996; circulation for eleven months, 138,953.

CAMBRIDGE. The central library building has been repaired and renovated, and a better system of lighting, by electricity, established. Owing to these expenses less money has been available for books. In May the Edward H. Whorf bequest of $4,000, accompanying a valuable collection of material on Mexico and Central America, became available. The books and pamphlets are being catalogued. The collection includes over 1,500 books and 2,000 pamphlets, maps, etc., on Mexico and Central America; and over 1,000 books, pamphlets, etc., on other subjects. A bequest of $1,000 from

the late William Penn Harding has been accepted by the city, but it is not yet available. The income is to be spent for books of science. In December a new deposit station was established in the Sunday school of the Harvard Street Methodist Church. The library supports two branches and ten delivery stations. Bound volumes, 86,421; circulation, 310,394.

CARLISLE. Two pictures have been given to the library, — one a portrait of the late William Green, formerly town treasurer, given by Mrs. M. Lottie Prescott; the other a view of the Pepperell Public Library, given by Mr. Harvey Tileston. Bound volumes, 4,048; circulation, 2,152.

CARVER. Last summer the librarian, Mrs. Barrows, spent two weeks at the library summer class at Danbury, Conn. Since then the library, which was arranged in accession order, has been classified, and the librarian and volunteer helpers are making a simple card catalogue. Miss Brown, of the Free Public Library Commission, spent four days at Carver in January helping plan the work. It is reported that readers are much pleased with the new arrangement of the books. The library has five branches, and is well used, but needs more space. Bound volumes, 3,043; circulation, 4,202.

CHARLEMONT. A branch has been established at Zoar, with Miss Florence Negus as librarian. The librarian, Miss Bemis, attended the library summer class at Simmons College in 1910. She is now completing the shelf list, and hopes to make a dictionary catalogue. The library is much used, especially by the school, and needs more room. Bound volumes, about 4,000; circulation, 6,161.

CHELSEA. The new library building, for which Andrew Carnegie gave $57,500, was occupied for library use on Oct. 1, 1910. It stands in the civic center of Chelsea, on the site of the former building, which was burned April 12, 1908. The new building is of light colored brick, with terra cotta trimmings and granite base. On the main floor are two large reading rooms, the delivery room and the stack; and in the basement are the children's room, historical room and a large lecture hall. In the reading room is a bust, "America," presented by Judge Albert D. Bosson of the Chelsea police court. The insurance of $20,000 on the old building will be applied to the purchase of books. Bound volumes, 5,624; circulation, 49,809.

CHESTER. In May the library was moved from its old and cramped location in Hamilton's block to a commodious room in the town hall. Branches have been established at North Chester, with Mrs. William Smith as librarian; and at Littleville, with Mrs. J. J. Elder as librarian. In December the trustees borrowed from the

Woman's Education Association 100 large views of Switzerland, for exhibition. The library sends out collections of books to private houses in remote neighborhoods. The gift of 45 volumes from the Free Public Library Commission is appreciated. Bound volumes, 2,300; circulation, 4,323.

Chester Center Library Association. Resolutions deploring the death of Dr. Oscar C. DeWolf, the founder and principal benefactor of this library, were passed at the annual meeting of the association on August 4. This library was started in 1902 by Dr. DeWolf, who gave $300 for it then and $100 each year thereafter, until his death last March. He left nothing for it by will, but a subscription among the neighbors realized $25, which will provide magazines. The library was in Dr. DeWolf's house, and he paid the librarian for attending it. The president of the association, Dr. G. E. Dawson, is of the Hartford, Conn., Theological School; and Dr. E. H. Munsel, chairman of the book committee, is at the head of the German department of Smith College. Both own summer residences at Chester Center. This library is not connected with the public library of Chester, but during the past year has had a box of 30 books from the traveling library. It is located five miles from the public libraries at Chester and Huntington, and its collection of books and magazines has been a source of much benefit and pleasure to the people in its vicinity. Bound volumes, 643; circulation, 316 books, 443 magazines.

CHESTERFIELD. The books are in a room in the town hall, and more space is needed. The library has received a legacy of about $700 from Miss Imogene Pyncheon, to be used for a library building. Miss Pyncheon left about $1,000 to the Grange for a Grange hall, and if this is not begun within five years, the $1,000 is to be added to the library fund. Mr. Hoyt Dodge, the new librarian, has begun an author and title catalogue in blank books. The trustees have asked the Free Public Library Commission to send some one to help classify the books and make a shelf list, which will serve as a subject catalogue. The branch in Mrs. Healy's house, in West Chesterfield, is much used. Both Mr. Dodge and Mrs. Healy show their public spirit by their willingness to issue books at any time.

CHICOPEE. A bequest of $20,000 by the will of Mrs. Justin Spaulding, made known in December, 1907, has been supplemented by pledges of Chicopee people for an equal amount, making a fund of $40,000. This is immediately available for a new library building at Chicopee Center, on the site of the present library, formerly the home of Jerome Wells. Besides this sum, various citizens have agreed to subscribe to an equipment fund, for furnishings, etc. On April 5, 1910, Mayor Fletcher named as a commission

to build the new library, N. P. Ames Carter, Judge Luther White and Miss Clara F. Palmer, trustees of the public library; James L. Pease, Emerson G. Gaylord and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Tuttle (Mrs. Tuttle being a neice of Mrs. Spaulding), representing the givers; and John J. Hogan and Dr. Frank X. Deroin as citizens at large. A number of meetings have been held by this commission, at one of which architects were chosen to draw plans for the building; but as none of the plans presented was satisfactory, the architects were asked to modify their drawings. There the matter rests for the present. The library has received 468 volumes by bequest from Mrs. E. O. Carter, whose husband, Judge Carter, was a trustee of the library in its early days. The circulation for the year shows the remarkable increase of 30,000 over the preceding year. This is due mainly to the fact that the main library and the branch at Chicopee Falls have been open every weekday afternoon and four evenings a week. The circulation from the Falls branch was 30,453, about 19,000 more than the year before. The books added during the year numbered 1,626, of which 615 were gifts. Bound volumes, 27,585; circulation, 82,980.

COLRAIN. During the year the library has been opened on extra days to enable the teachers to bring eighth and ninth grade pupils to study reference books in connection with geography and history classes. Bound volumes, 2,573; circulation, 6,303.

CONCORD. Another legacy of $10,000, given in the will of William Munroe for the general purposes of the library, has been received from the trustee under that will. From the estate of Mr. Munroe, also, has been received the last of his many legacies to the library, consisting of 47 paintings, 11 portfolios of photographs and engravings, 287 volumes of finely bound books, 3 bronze vases, a bronze statue and a brown stone tankard. By a legacy from Miss Mary Munroe the library has received 9 large stereoscopes on tables and 4 hand stereoscopes, with a cabinet of nearly 2,000 slides; also 2 large engravings. Bound volumes, 38,139; circulation, 33,392.

DALTON. A popular innovation the past year has been the posting of bulletins relating to new books when added. These bulletins are made of cardboard, and show either the portrait of the author or an illustration from the book, with a short review of the work. Bound volumes, 9,808; circulation, 20,448.

DARTMOUTH. Southworth Library, South Dartmouth. The books have been classified by the decimal system. The library has received gifts of money from Mr. Oliver Ricketson and of books from Miss Julia Rodman, Miss Alice Tiffany, Mrs. Benjamin Wilcox and

Mr. Kempton Read, and Mrs. Griffen of Springfield. Bound volumes, nearly 7,000; circulation, 5,223.

DEDHAM. Miss Frances M. Mann, the librarian, died in May, 1910; and Miss Anna P. Rolland, the first assistant, was promoted to her place. Miss Rolland has had a long experience in library work, having entered it as a little girl in the old subscription library. Bound volumes, about 25,000; circulation, 52,131.

DEERFIELD. South Deerfield Public Library. The excellent circulation showing of 1909 is bettered by this year's record of 5,691, with 2,086 books on the shelves. The library is in a room on the main street, and the reading room is open all the time, without supervision. Magazines are left out, but the books are locked up except when the librarian is there. The people of the village have raised $681.45 by various means, such as entertainments, as the nucleus of a building fund. Of this, $50 was given by the Deerfield Improvement Society for the generous help of the South Deerfield people at the time of the pageant. The will of Deacon Chauncey B. Tilton, who died some ten or twelve years ago, left the residue of his estate to found an Old Women's Home in South Deerfield. As the amount available is insufficient, in the judgment of the trustees, they, with the widow, have petitioned the supreme court to divert the property to a public library building. The only son of Deacon Tilton, a Wyoming ranchman, is said to be favorable to the change.

DIGHTON. The new library building will be ready for occupancy probably about March 1. Andrew Carnegie gave $6,000 for the building, and the townspeople gave $600 for the site. Every school in town is a delivery station, having a box of about 35 books, changed every two months. Bound volumes, 2,690; circulation, 3,200.

DOUGLAS. A shelf list and card catalogue are being made. Bound volumes, about 6,000; circulation, 3,200.

DUDLEY. The circulation record for the year was 9,569, with 3,317 books on the shelves.

DUNSTABLE. The librarian is making a card catalogue for the newer part of the books. The gift of 35 volumes from the Free Public Library Commission was appreciated. Bound volumes, 3,366; circulation for ten months, 1,735.

DUXBURY. Five delivery stations have been established, at South Duxbury, North Duxbury, High Street, Ashdod and Tarkiln. Many gifts of books are reported. Exhibitions of books of travel and foreign views, loaned by the Woman's Education Association, have proved both instructive and popular. Bound volumes, 5,291; circulation, 8,004.

EAST BRIDGEWATER. A legacy of $500 from Mrs. Lucy A. Griffin has come to the library during the year. More books have been placed in the "free-access" cases, of which there are now two, one for children and one for adults. Bound volumes, 6,088; circulation, 14,218.

EAST LONGMEADOW. The hours of opening have been increased, the age limit for borrowers abolished, and two books are now allowed to a reader. The trustees held a mending bee and much improved the appearance of the books. On the day of the town meeting, the library had an exhibit of agricultural books. A portrait of Frances E. Willard has been presented by the W. C. T. U. Branch libraries would benefit the outlying portions of the town. Bound volumes, 2,760; circulation, 6,024.

EASTHAM. The classification of the library by the decimal system has been completed, and the Browne charging system and Library of Congress catalogue cards have been introduced. A children's corner has been added. Bulletins have been made on which the work of scholars is exhibited, and this has considerably increased the circulation, as parents come to see the work of their children, and then take out books. Bound volumes, 2,848; circulation, 4,483.

EVERETT. Parlin Memorial Library. The library has received a portrait in oils of Mr. Alfred N. Parlin of Boston, who gave the library as a memorial to his son, Frederick E. Parlin. Bound volumes, 22,840; circulation, 83,839.

Shute Memorial Library. Miss Mildred R. Holt succeeds Miss Edna Lillian Carter as librarian. Bound volumes, 6,475; circulation, 38,026.

FALL RIVER. Hon. John J. McDonough, one of the trustees, has given the library a complete set of autographs of the Presidents of the United States, most of them in the form of autograph letters. Bound volumes, 85,135; circulation, 187,742.

FALMOUTH. The Woods Hole and West Falmouth libraries receive 50 volumes a month each from the main library. Delivery stations are maintained also at East Falmouth and Waquoit. Bound volumes, 8,061; circulation, 12,374.

Woods Hole Public Library Association. This library, which started in 1873 in the home of Asa Shivernick, is to have a handsome and convenient building, of granite boulders, on an elevated and conspicuous site, commanding a wide view of the ocean and the country. Several months ago friends of the library began planning for a building and started subscriptions. Many summer visitors were enlisted, more than $5,000 pledged, and a site secured. A building committee composed of H. K. Dyer, A. C. Harrison and W. O. Luscombe, obtained plans, which were accepted; and it is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy in the

spring or early summer. The corporation formed to take over the property of the old association has W. O. Luscombe for president, Joseph Walsh for secretary, E. F. Locke for treasurer and about 60 members. The building is to be rectangular, with a deep L at the rear for a commodious stack room. The main part is a large reading room and directors' room, while from the front projects a considerable vestibule. The inside finish will be weathered oak. Bound volumes, about 3,000; circulation, 2,652.

FITCHBURG. A radical change has been made by moving the children's department to the basement, and using the former children's room for an industrial room. Deposit stations are maintained in the schools at West Fitchburg and South Fitchburg. Bound volumes, 51,669; circulation, 82,071.

GARDNER. A juvenile room has been established and the ten-year age limit has been abolished. Delivery stations are maintained at the West Gardner reading room and at South Gardner. Bound volumes, 13,308; circulation, 24,692.

GILL. The library has been moved to new and attractive quarters in the town hall, the books have been classified and a card catalogue is being prepared. Mrs. J. J. Wrisley has been appointed librarian. The library now takes eleven magazines, — a new departure. The librarian keeps a book in which are recorded suggestions of readers as to books or magazines desired, or of ways of adding to the usefulness of the library. Bound volumes, 2,310; circulation, 929.

GLOUCESTER. Village Hall Library, Annisquam. Gifts of $100 from the Village Hall Association and of smaller sums from individuals are acknowledged. The catalogue has been typewritten and put in a binding capable of admitting additional leaves. The serving of afternoon tea during the summer has been continued. Bound volumes, 1,230; circulation, 2,810.

GOSHEN. The John James Memorial building is practically completed, and is already in use. It is a two-story stone building, costing about $14,000, and is owned by the church and town jointly. Downstairs is the town hall, and upstairs are the church parlors, kitchen and library. The rooms are pleasant and spacious, with a fine outlook, and the building will be a center for the social life of the village. The building is a memorial to John James, who in 1805 left $100 to the town and parish to go on interest for one hundred years. The town had borrowed from the fund, more than cancelling its share of the proceeds. The church received $8,800. The town paid back to the fund $1,926.61, and this, with $1,000 from the church, was used for the building. The remainder of the $14,000 was given by friends, the principal donors being Mrs. L. D. James of Williamsburg, Mass.,

and Mr. James L. Babcock of Ann Arbor, Mich. The trustees of the library expect to have the books classified and catalogued, with the help of the commission. Bound volumes, about 1,400; circulation, 1,380.

GRAFTON. A branch has been established at Saundersville, and delivery stations at North Grafton, Fisherville and Farnumsville. Bound volumes, 12,966; circulation, 19,366.

GRANVILLE. A fair held by the Library Club, Nov. 2, 1910, netted $325. Among gifts to the library during the year were 15 volumes from Mrs. Lena Church and 10 from Miss Mary C. Noble. The Librarian keeps a scrapbook about Granville. Bound volumes, 2,853; circulation, 1,982.

GREAT BARRINGTON. Mrs. Mary A. Mason died last April, leaving an estate of about $450,000. Her will disposed of about $100,000, of which $50,000 was to be used to build the Mason Public Library in Great Barrington. All the rest of her estate, including two houses and land in the town, she willed for the building and maintenance of a hospital, which, like the library, was to be a memorial to her late husband, Capt. Henry Hobart Mason, a wealthy New York business man. The will was contested by Mrs. Mason's sister, Mrs. Henriques, but after a number of conferences counsel agreed upon a settlement, by which all the specific bequests are to be paid, but instead of the residue of the estate being given for a hospital, $50,000 in cash is given for that purpose, together with the houses and land, the balance going to Mrs. Henriques and her daughter. This will give the library trustees $50,000 for a new building. The town owns a good lot, which it is expected to enlarge by the purchase of the adjoining property on Main Street. The lot then will occupy the whole space from Pleasant Street to Dresser Avenue. It is hoped to begin the new building in the spring or early summer. A storeroom extension was built during the year from a special appropriation. Bound volumes, 12,075; circulation, 21,084.

Ramsdell Public Library, Housatonic. The work of this library has grown rapidly since occupying the new building. For the past year the circulation record has been 11,530, with 4,130 books on the shelves.

GREENFIELD. The use of the Library of Congress cards has been begun. A delivery station has been established with Mrs. J. C. King, on the Bernardston road. Bound volumes, 21,475; circulation, 59,398.

GREENWICH. A delivery station has been established at Greenwich, two miles from Greenwich Village, where the library is situated. Bound volumes, 2,408; circulation, 2,170.

GROTON. Among the gifts for the year are noted 28 reference books from Jennie H. Thayer of Boston, and 86 children's books from Helen Tweed of New York. Books are sent from the main library to West Groton every Saturday. Bound volumes, 12,514; circulation, 12,541.

GROVELAND. The circulation for the year was 13,822, with 3,577 volumes in the library.

HAMILTON. The library has been fortunate in receiving several legacies: from the late Justin Allen of Topsfield, $500; from Miss Zeriah B. Dane of Boston, her personal library; and from Miss H. Augusta Dodge, $1,000 for a free reading room, to be called the Gail Hamilton Reading Room, in memory of the testator's sister, whose pen-name was Gail Hamilton. A delivery station has been established at the store of Horace E. Andrews at South Hamilton. Bound volumes, 5,810; circulation, 6,400.

HAMPDEN. A number of books that are memorials of the civil war have been received at the library lately. One of the most interesting is a record of the Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society in what was then the South Parish of Wilbraham, now the town of Hampden. A complete list of money and articles contributed for the soldiers from Wilbraham is included. The Free Public Library Commission has sent 38 books, mostly for children. Bound volumes, 2,165; circulation, 4,280.

HANOVER. A new catalogue is being prepared. Delivery stations are maintained at Assinippi, North Hanover, West Hanover and South Hanover. Bound volumes, 6,200; circulation, 7,380.

HANSON. A new branch has been established at Burrage, in the south part of the town. The town library consists of two main divisions, officially called the North Branch and the South Branch. The former division has three smaller branches, and the latter division one. For the entire library the bound volumes number about 2,900; the year's circulation was 12,280.

HARDWICK. A gift of two oak cases for relics, from the Ladies' Library Association fund, is much appreciated. Bound volumes, 3,663; circulation, 5,434.

Gilbertville Public Library, Gilbertville. Good use has been made of some books from the Springfield City Library, procured by interlibrary loan. The traveling sets of pictures furnished by the Woman's Education Association have proved interesting and attractive. Bound volumes, 1,246; circulation, 2,890.

HARWICH. The name of the library was changed from Broadbrooks Free Library to Brooks Free Library by chapter 192, Acts of 1910, and the library given to the town. A gift of 65 volumes from the Free Public Library Commission is noted. Bound volumes, 4,490; circulation, 1,834.

Chase Library, West Harwich. The building hitherto occupied by this library was presented to it by the late Caleb Chase of Brookline. Mrs. Nickerson, who has carried on the work at her own expense, and largely by her own exertions, has found the building inconvenient and unsuitable for the purposes of a library, and too expensive to maintain. Now, both Colonel and Mrs. Chase have passed away, and all the surviving relatives being perfectly willing that the building should be sold, and the proceeds applied to erecting a building suitable for library uses, this has been done. Dr. Nickerson, husband of the librarian, has given a piece of land for a site. The new building will begin soon, and Mrs. Nickerson hopes to make the library more useful and efficient than ever before. Large portraits of Colonel and Mrs. Chase have been presented to the library. Mrs. Nickerson hopes to obtain, through the summer visitors, a piano, which will be much appreciated in the activities of the Sunshine Club, which she also carries on. Bound volumes, 1,750; circulation, 1,815.

HAVERHILL. Besides the four branches, there are about 80 places in the city to which books are sent, including monthly deposits in most of the grammar school rooms and 10 traveling libraries in the country district schools. Mimeographed "useful arts" bulletins were distributed each month to workers and others interested in the special industry covered by the bulletin. About 1,000 copies were distributed each month, and the lists were printed in the papers, and in December were brought up to date and included in the regular bulletin. The librarian gave a talk at one of the Sunday afternoon church services on the history, resources and work of the library. About 175 postal notices of new books were sent to people interested in special topics, and usually brought responses. Several interesting exhibitions were given. Bound volumes, 92,500; circulation, 186,934.

HINSDALE. In May the books were examined and compared with the catalogue and shelf list, Miss Van Hovenberg of New York being in charge of the work. Later, 600 new books were added, about half of them being replacements, and 225 books were rebound. The books were bought with the income from the John W. Curtice legacy. Bound volumes, about 6,000; circulation, 1,865.

HOLBROOK. In addition to his liberal gifts in the past, Mr. E. Everett Holbrook has given the library $4,000 during the past year. Bound volumes, 7,600; circulation, 1,800.

HOLYOKE. The circulation of books in the schools was 1,969, a gain of over 400 over the previous year. For the first time the total circulation has fallen off, the loss being 12,722, or about 10 per cent. About one-half this loss was in the juvenile department, and the librarian attributes it largely to the moving picture

shows. About 5,000 of the loss in the adult department was in fiction, though the library had taken pains to meet the demand in this direction more satisfactorily than ever before; hence the explanation here, also, must be sought for in outside conditions. Bound volumes, 40,166; circulation, 104,078.

HOPEDALE. By the will of the late J. B. Bancroft $1,000 was left to the library, the interest to be used for books. The branch at South Hopedale has been re-established, with Mrs. A. F. W. Smith as librarian. Classes from the high school come to the library for instruction in its use. Bound volumes, 9,984; circulation, 22,563.

HOPKINTON. A juvenile reading club meets every Saturday afternoon. Bound volumes, about 5,000; circulation, 9,907.

IPSWICH. The branch at Linebrook Parish has been given up, as no one would be responsible for the care of the books. A set of etchings of the old houses in Ipswich has been presented to the library by Mrs. James Wright of Cambridge. A list of books for summer reading was prepared for the young people and certificates given to all who read six or more; 25 won the certificates. Bound volumes, 15,400; circulation, 17,805.

KINGSTON. "Growing plants in sunny windows; books scattered on small tables, with chairs conveniently near; magazines arranged neatly, each in its place on the table, so that the habitual reader will know where to find it," are some of the librarian's ideas for making a small library useful and attractive. Bound volumes, 7,888; circulation, 11,451.

LANCASTER. Mr. J. E. Thayer of Lancaster has given the library $200 for books. Bound volumes, 35,905; circulation, 15,266.

LANESBOROUGH. A fund has been started for a library building. Bound volumes, 5,667; circulation, about 3,900.

LEE. The library has added several books in Italian, which should be much appreciated by the 500 Italian inhabitants of the town, many of whom are well educated. Bound volumes, 13,616; circulation, 18,832.

LENOX. A noteworthy gift during the year was that of a white marble bust of Robert Sedgwick, an eminent lawyer of his day and brother of Charles Sedgwick, in whose honor the library building was named. The bust was made in Rome, in 1841, by the eminent American sculptor, Thomas Crawford. The giver was Robert Sedgwick of New York, a grandson. Many gifts of money and books are reported. Bound volumes, 21,058; circulation, 21,558.

Lenoxdale Reading Room. This library was maintained by Mrs. Joseph White for some years before her death, and was provided for in her will. The property and endowment fund are held in trust by Trinity (Episcopal) Church, and the rector

and treasurer of the church are the library committee. The librarian is Mrs. Frank Cossaboam.

LEOMINSTER. The recataloguing of the library has been completed. A pay collection of duplicate fiction has been established, which is not only self-supporting and satisfactory to the public, but practically supplies all the fiction for the free library from its profits. The new building, described in previous reports, was opened April 26, 1910. The cost was $63,000, of which Andrew Carnegie gave $27,500, and the town appropriated the balance. Bound volumes, 25,811; circulation, 47,264.

LEXINGTON. Mrs. C. C. Goodwin has given the library $300 with which to begin a collection of musical compositions. Bound volumes, 24,936; circulation, 44,079.

LONGMEADOW. Richard Salter Storrs Library. This has been a memorable year in the history of the library, from the fact that, while its free public character continues, it has taken the name given above, in order to permit the acceptance of valuable real estate and other possessions. Eventually, further endowment funds will be added, under the will of the late Miss Sarah W. Storrs, as briefly noted in the last report. At the annual town meeting in March the citizens voted unanimously to turn over to the Storrs library trustees all of the town's library books and other property, and to continue annual appropriations. The trustees include the chairman of the selectmen, the chairman of the school board and the town clerk. The property given for library purposes under the will of Miss Storrs includes the fine old colonial mansion, built in 1786 as a parsonage by Rev. Richard Salter Storrs, second pastor of the old First Church, and the large grounds on which it stands. The trustees have had a small but ample and serviceable building erected on the site of the barn, and to this the books have been moved from the school building in which the town library has been kept. The library enters upon its new era with plans for broader usefulness than ever before. The books have been catalogued and arranged on modern methods, Miss Martha S. Emerson, a graduate of Simmons College, having charge of the work. The new building is 26 by 36 feet, is lighted with gas, and the books are contained in ten large cases. Bound volumes, not reported; circulation, 3,150.

LOWELL. Two noteworthy gifts have been received by the library during the past year, — an Imari jar, the largest piece of Japanese porcelain ever made, from Freeman B. Shedd; and 100 stuffed birds from Mrs. William A. Jackson. Bound volumes, about 80,000; circulation, 130,421.

LUDLOW. The trustees regret to note a falling off in the use of the library, and call attention to the many attractions and advantages

which the library and reading room have to offer. The committee on antiques, relics and curios feels gratified at the increasing public interest in the collections. It is proposed to classify the contributions and to have an attendant regularly in charge of the rooms during the hours when the library is open. The reading-room attendance for the year was 6,963. Bound volumes, about 4,200; circulation, 9,739.

LUNENBURG. The Ritter Memorial Library building, the gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston, was occupied in February, 1910. It has been described in a previous report. Bound volumes, 6,442; circulation, 9,392.

LYNN. A bequest of $1,000, with a possible increase after five years, has been received by the will of Charles F. Peirce of Lynn. Bound volumes, 83,670; circulation, 230,483.

LYNNFIELD. A branch has been established with Mrs. Cora Pike on Broadway, and several hundred books are kept there. The use of a room in the library is given to the Boys' Club of the Y. M. C. A. Once in two weeks, after the closing of the library, the reading room is used by the literary society of the town. Bound volumes, 3,130; circulation, 3,472.

MALDEN. The library has received bequests of $1,000 each from the estates of Mrs. F. A. Smith and Mrs. L. B. Hill. A fine portrait of the late Deloraine P. Corey — for many years president of the library, and a member of the Free Public Library Commission — has been presented to the library by Mrs. Corey, and hung in the art gallery. The artist is Albion H. Bicknell. During the year 20,665 books were sent to the schools. The school library assistant visits the schools and confers with the teachers. Bound volumes, not reported; circulation, 140,180.

MARLBOROUGH. A bequest of $5,000 from the estate of George N. Cate, and a gift of 280 volumes from the library of Mrs. George N. Cate, are the chief donations reported. The branch carried on by the Robin Hill Improvement Society has been given up. Bound volumes, 23,550; circulation, 46,903.

MARSHFIELD. Seven delivery stations are maintained in outlying sections, and deposits of books are sent to schoolhouses. Bound volumes, 4,040; circulation, 6,091.

MATTAPOISETT. A weekly delivery of books to a residence in Tinkhamtown, three miles from the library, has been maintained for a portion of the year. Bound volumes, 5,769; circulation, 1,130.

MAYNARD. The library has received a legacy of $229.37 from the estate of the late Mrs. Green. Bound volumes, 4,724; circulation, about 12,000.

MEDFORD. The trustees in their report record their sense of the value of the services of the late librarian, Miss Mary E. Sargent, who

died Dec. 20, 1909. The present efficiency of the library is largely due to her intelligence, culture and power of organization. Delivery stations are now maintained at West Medford, Medford Hillside, Tufts Square, Glenwood, Wellington, the police station, three engine houses, the Medford Union (a boys' club) and the Sherman Hospital. The library has received a gift of 298 books from Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence. Bound volumes, 36,866; circulation, 109,623.

MELROSE. This is the first full year under the closed-shelf system, and the circulation has increased over 3,500. Bound volumes, 18,000; circulation, 68,157.

MENDON. A delivery station has been established at the Albeeville schoolhouse. Bound volumes, 4,613; circulation, 5,415.

MILTON. A duplicate collection of juvenile and adult books for school use has been begun. The children's librarian makes frequent visits to the schools. Bound volumes, 22,699; circulation, 63,691.

MONROE. With the assistance of Miss E. Louise Jones, who was sent by the Free Public Library Commission, the books have been classified roughly, and a simple card catalogue made. The library has received 31 books from the commission. Bound volumes, 804; circulation, 300.

MONTAGUE. Carnegie Public Library, Turner's Falls. The library has received from Mr. J. Monroe Chapman several contributions, including relics of the civil war, and a number of valuable books and pamphlets. The trustees and librarian hope that soon the books may be classified and the catalogue made more complete, especially on the subject side. Bound volumes, 6,940; circulation, 20,102.

MONTEREY. By the will of Mrs. Frank Conly of Torrington, Conn., the library has received a bequest of 125 volumes, and will receive $500 when her estate is settled. The Free Public Library Commission has sent children's books during the year. Bound volumes, 2,300; circulation, not reported.

NEEDHAM. A delivery station has been established at the store of Mrs. M. F. McDonald at Needham Upper Falls. The catalogues which were issued in 1909, at a cost of $670, are proving very useful. Mr. George Fellows Bean of Wellesley died April 14, 1909, without carrying out his intention of giving a large number of books to the library, but his sister and executrix has fulfilled his wish by sending 480 volumes. Bound volumes, 13,019; circulation from central library, 16,211, and from branches, 10,468; total circulation, 26,679.

NEW BEDFORD. The new library building was completed in September, and was dedicated on December 1, 1910. The speakers at the dedication were Mayor Ashley; Mr. Frank P. Hill, librarian of

the Brooklyn Public Library; Prof. William Macdonald of Brown University; Mr. George H. Tripp, librarian of the New Bedford library; and Mr. Horace G. Wadlin, librarian of the Boston Library. The library building was remodeled from the old city hall, which burned several years ago. Only the façade and part of the walls were retained. The cost of altering the building for library purposes was about $275,000. On the first floor are the newspaper reading room and the children's room; on the second floor are the delivery room and general reading rooms; and on the third floor are the lecture room, art room, genealogical room, and other smaller rooms for special purposes. Frank D. Millet has been commissioned to provide mural decorations illustrative of the whaling and cotton industries. The capacity of the stack is about 200,000 volumes. The New Bedford library is fortunate in its endowments. The income of one legacy of $250,000 is to be used for the purchase of books, paintings and sculpture. Besides the three branches, three delivery stations are maintained; and 120 libraries, aggregating 6,000 books, are deposited in 120 school-rooms. Bound volumes, 120,000; circulation, 244,504.

New Marlborough. The Free Public Library Commission sent books to replace those destroyed when the town hall burned. The town has five villages, each of which has a branch. Bound volumes, about 600; circulation, not reported.

Seymour Library, Southfield. Mr. Thomas Tryon of New York has given the library 40 books. The library has loaned to the village school an encyclopædia in 17 volumes, and Chambers's "Cyclopædia of English Literature." The small amount of money needed for maintaining the library is provided through the proceeds of entertainments. Bound volumes, 640; circulation, 566.

New Salem. The branch at North New Salem is maintained, but those in other sections of the town have been discontinued. Bound volumes, 1,790; circulation, 416.

Newburyport. Public Library. Although the South End Reading Room is an independent institution, it is aided by the public library. The trustees of the public library have purchased quarterly for some time past a number of new books, as requested, and loaned them indefinitely to the South End library. These books are marked with the regular public library bookplates, the title to them remains in the city and the directors could call them in at any time should they desire to do so. Bound volumes, 45,050; circulation, 54,009.

South End Reading Room. On Oct. 28, 1910, this institution, which has done a wonderful work in its section of the city, especially for the young people, held a largely attended reception, at which its friends were interested in viewing the fine

equipment and excellent facilities which hard work and enthusiasm have provided for a worthy object. Mrs. Charles H. Andrews, the present secretary and managing director, with the late Miss Anna L. Coffin, started the reading room in 1900, with a capital of $58. For six years the city aided the enterprise with an appropriation of $250 a year; then, when the society had purchased the building which now houses the library, — simply because it could not find room otherwise, — one of the councilmen raised the question of the legality of such aid, and threatened to take the matter into court; whereupon the appropriations ceased. Since then the generosity of the community, stimulated by Mrs. Andrews's assiduous efforts, has been its only source of support. The various rooms in the building, set apart respectively for children, girls, boys, magazines, etc., are named after patrons who have provided the furnishings and pay for lighting and supply much of the reading matter. The whole building is attractive and comfortable; its popularity is shown by the fact that its circulation for the year numbered 13,452 books and magazines, with about 3,000 bound volumes on the shelves.

Newton. The seven branches and four delivery stations are maintained and are proving useful. The receipts of the duplicate pay collection were $1,334.43, and its expenses, $1,147.64. The circulation for the year shows an increase of about 23,000 over the preceding year. Bound volumes, 75,158; circulation, 270,269.

North Adams. The library maintains branches at Blackinton, Braytonville and Beaver, mill suburbs, and at Houghtonville, a thickly populated hill district. The librarian gives talks to the pupils in the upper grades of the schools. Bound volumes, about 33,000; circulation, 96,981.

North Attleborough. The librarian has given instruction in the use of the catalogue to high school classes. The Woman's Club has made several pretty scrapbooks for the children's collection. Bound volumes, about 10,000; circulation, 35,445.

Northampton. Forbes Library. The trustees repeat their recommendation that an appropriation of $30,000 be made for book stacks. The exclusion of Smith College students has resulted in increased patronage by the townspeople. Delivery stations have been established in the engine house at Leeds and in the Northampton Cutlery Company. A bolt of lightning struck the library on August 4, ripping off the terra cotta ornaments and copper covering of part of the roof. Bound volumes, 112,300; circulation, 72,024.

Lilly Library, Florence. Pictures have been procured which are very useful in the study of botany and some other branches. Bound volumes, 6,400; circulation, nearly 20,000.

NORTHFIELD. The town voted at a special meeting, Aug. 29, 1910, to accept the library act, and also to accept the bequest of the Misses Mary A. and Eliza Belcher to the library, from which $5,000 has been received already and as much more is expected. Bound volumes, 8,320; circulation, 11,902.

NORWOOD. Even the 1909 record of circulation was exceeded by that of the past year, which was 40,919, with 13,322 books on the shelves.

OAKHAM. The books, which were in accession order, have been classified, and a card catalogue made, with the help of the Free Public Library Commission and volunteer workers from the village. Readers are now allowed to take two books instead of one. Bound volumes, 1,985; circulation, 3,075.

OTIS. Rev. R. C. Habberley, for several years pastor of the Congregational Church, and a valued trustee of the library, resigned in November, having accepted a call to Truro. A fund for a new library building has been started, with favorable prospects. An authors' catalogue has been completed, and it is hoped soon to prepare a title catalogue and to classify the books. Bound volumes, 1,357; circulation, 802.

PALMER. Arrangements have been made to furnish books to Three Rivers, and the sending of books to Bondville and Thorndike is being considered. Bound volumes, not reported; circulation, 17,057.

PEABODY. The delivery station at West Peabody has been discontinued on account of lack of patronage. Bound volumes, 43,946; circulation, 38,596.

PEMBROKE. Cobb Library, Bryantville. A committee of seven has been appointed to suggest lists of books for purchase, and to read and pass upon whatever books are sent from the bookstores, returning any undesirable ones. Bound volumes, 2,775; circulation, 6,376.

PEPPERELL. A gift of $100 from Mrs. Jennie L. Williams of New York is reported. Bound volumes, 16,133; circulation, 12,662.

PITTSFIELD. The completion of the new wing of the museum, and valuable additions to the collection, give the trustees new cause for gratitude to Zenas M. Crane. The great present need is proper repairs and enlargement of the Athenæum building. The plan proposed by the trustees includes the conversion of the old art gallery into a reading room, the making over of the west room into a lecture room and the rebuilding of the stairway. The cost is estimated at $4,000, and it is hoped that the money may be raised in some way. A well-chosen collection of books in Italian has been added, and is eagerly enjoyed by the many Italian residents. Work with the children is a feature which is much emphasized.

Bound volumes, 55,391; circulation, 91,073; an increase of about 1,000 over last year.

PLYMOUTH. For some time the juvenile collection has been kept in the reading room, where the children could help themselves at any time. As this caused some confusion, and disturbed older readers, these books are now given out only from 12 to 2 and from 4 to 6 P.M. A gift of 150 volumes from the late Allen Danforth is acknowledged. Bound volumes, 17,029; circulation, 30,461.

Loring Reading Room, North Plymouth. This library is maintained by the Plymouth Cordage Company for the use of its employees and their families. Although this is a private library, teachers are allowed to take books, and reference works are added each year for the benefit of the school children; they are used constantly. Travel pictures, lists of stories on the bulletin board, as well as a good poem each month, are some of the means employed to make the library attractive and useful. Bound volumes, 7,079; circulation, 16,662.

QUINCY. On July 5, 1910, the first branch reading room, known as the West Quincy Reading Room, was opened with a deposit of 400 volumes, increased on December 1 to 500 volumes, with an addition of 25 reference books and a permanent collection of 123 volumes, including a set of "St. Nicholas." There is a subscription list of 12 magazines and 3 daily papers. Up to Thanksgiving there was a daily delivery from the central library of request books; since then the delivery has been three times a week, as the collection at the branch is larger. The success of the branch was immediate, as shown by its circulation figures: July, 1,038; August, 1,254; September, 1,018; October, 1,311; November, 1,684; December, 1,763. The attendance has been so large in a room 30 feet square, with about 25 seats at tables, that the grammar school pupils have had to be restricted to the afternoon hours, leaving the evening hours for older people. The branch is doing a good work and is appreciated in that section of the city. At the main library, the fiction in the children's room has been rearranged alphabetically under authors, instead of by numbers. Any one may take practically any number of books desired, except fiction and three-day magazines. Stereoscopes and stereoscopic views are loaned also. Bound volumes, 30,183; circulation, 95,129.

RAYNHAM. The town has given the library the use of a building 15 by 20 feet, which has been fitted up with shelves and furnished. The library was moved into this on Aug. 17, 1910. Many old and useless books were discarded at the time of moving, and a good number of new ones purchased. The Dewey classification was adopted at that time, and since then a new card catalogue has

been nearly completed. Bound volumes, about 1,200; circulation, not reported.

North Raynham. The North Raynham Library Association has gone out of existence.

REVERE. The delivery stations at Beachmont, Revere Beach, Franklin Park and Revere Street continue to prove their usefulness, and, in addition, deliveries of books are made to schools at a distance from the library. Bound volumes, 11,500; circulation, 54,653.

REHOBOTH. An entertainment for the benefit of the library realized $27.20. A gift of 23 books from the Woman's Education Society was welcome. Bound volumes, about 2,000; circulation, about 800.

RICHMOND. As the library has no reading room, a few magazines are kept in the waiting room of the railroad station. Bound volumes, 2,203; circulation, 1,225.

ROCKPORT. Two paintings by G. T. Margeson were presented to the library: the "Departure of the Lifeboat," given by C. W. Seamans of New York; and the "Return of the Lifeboat," given by Mr. Seamans, Congressmen Gardner and Roberts, Postmaster William Parsons and Mr. J. Winthrop Thurston of Topeka, Kan. Miss Elsie M. Dann resigned as librarian, and Miss Mabel L. Woodfall was chosen to succeed her, Miss Nellie G. Rowe becoming assistant in succession to Miss Woodfall. Bound volumes, 6,462; circulation, 18,200.

ROWE. An interesting conference on rural problems was held here Oct. 16 to 18, 1910, under the auspices of the Unitarian Church, the Grange and the library trustees. One afternoon was devoted to discussion of the library as a social force. Miss Zaidee Brown, agent of the commission, conducted a round table for librarians and trustees, at which were represented Charlemont, Heath, Monroe, Zoar and Whitingham, Vt. The library is to be classified and catalogued, with the help of the commission and volunteer workers from the town. Bound volumes, 2,370; circulation, 1,935.

ROYALSTON. The corner stone of the new memorial library building was laid Aug. 18, 1910. The building is the gift of Mr. Phineas S. Newton of Royalston, a former representative. It will be 25 by 50 feet in area, one story high, of red brick, with brownstone trimmings. The cost will be about $10,000. Bound volumes, 3,059; circulation, 2,792.

RUSSELL. Mrs. Minnie B. Parks resigned in November because of ill health, and is succeeded by Mrs. Minnie G. White. In August the library was closed for a few weeks for recataloguing. Bound volumes, 1,300; circulation, 2,500.

RUTLAND. As the shelf room was exhausted, the trustees have bought two sections of steel stack, which will accommodate about 1,300 volumes. The library is in better condition than ever before. Various organizations have contributed to the reading table about $20. Bound volumes, not reported; circulation, 4,015.

SANDISFIELD. The librarian delivers books to people who have no means of getting to the library. Gifts of a good number of books from the Free Public Library Commission and from Mrs. Atwater are acknowledged. Books especially for school use are to be purchased. The librarian suggests that in a town like Sandisfield, with several scattered villages, it would be desirable to have a delivery station at each post-office, but she has been unable thus far to induce any one to take charge of the books. Bound volumes, 1,300; circulation, not reported.

SANDWICH. The new Weston Memorial building, described in the report of last year, was occupied by the library early in December, 1910. It is a commodious structure, of simple, dignified architecture. The main floor contains one large room, with reading space on the right of the door and book stacks on the left. In the basement are a children's room and a committee room. A new card catalogue has been completed; the books are classified by the Dewey system, and the Browne charging system is used. Bound volumes, about 3,500; circulation, 7,600.

SAUGUS. On March 1, 1910, the library was moved into the upper part of the old town hall building on Taylor Street. Here there is much more room for stacks, a reading room partitioned off, a trustees' room, etc. The enlargement of the library facilities has long been needed. Bound volumes, 9,626; circulation, 35,481, a gain of 7,284 over the preceding year.

SAVOY. This library is divided into three parts, one each at Savoy Hollow, Savoy Center and Brier, in the homes of the three trustees, where books are accessible at any time to persons living in the neighborhood. Bound volumes, 1,350.

SEEKONK. A new firemen's hall was completed this summer, in which is a room for part of the library. This is to make the books more available to the south part of the town. A reading room, well supplied with periodicals, and a separate department for the children, are among the needs. Bound volumes, 2,060; circulation, 1,677.

SHERBORN. A course of reading for children has been a feature of the past year's work. Thirteen children completed the course, and each was given a certificate and a visit to historic South Natick, the site of Eliot's praying Indian village. Bound volumes, 6,765; card holders, 155; circulation, not reported.

SHIRLEY. A delivery station is maintained at the State Industrial School at Shirley Center. Work with the schools is emphasized. Bound volumes, 4,741; circulation, 8,676.

SOMERSET. The Hood Library building was dedicated Oct. 1, 1910, and public appreciation of the gift to the town was shown by the large attendance at the exercises. In connection with the dedication, the Village Improvement Society arranged an "old home gathering." The cost of the buildings and furnishings was over $4,000. Of this amount, $2,500 was the gift of the late Mrs. Sarah A. Hood, and the remainder was given by her son, Mr. Alfred H. Hood. The town gave an excellent site for the building. The books have been classified, and a card catalogue made. Bound volumes, 2,026; circulation, 7,630.

SOMERVILLE. Besides the West Somerville branch, three delivery stations are now maintained: at East Somerville, South Somerville and Union Square. Collections of books are also sent to the schools for circulation. The chief gift of the year is a bequest of $15,000 from Miss Martha Hunt, the income of $3,000 to be used for works of art, and the income of the remaining $12,000 to be used for general purposes. Bound volumes, 95,061; circulation, 469,846.

SOUTHBOROUGH. Plans are ready for a new library building, and work on it is expected to begin soon. Bound volumes, 9,566; circulation, 6,194.

SPENCER. Mr. George Bemis of South Spencer has left to the library a bequest of $10,000 to be used in building a Bemis Annex, and $2,000, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of books. Bound volumes, 12,415; circulation, 17,444.

SPRINGFIELD. The splendid new library building is nearing completion. The cost will be about $350,000, of which Andrew Carnegie gave $175,000. The annual report notes the remarkable increase in circulation during the last ten years. During that time the number of volumes has increased from about 115,000 to about 175,000, while the circulation has risen from about 164,000 to over 527,000. In the same time, the circulation per capita has increased from 2.6 volumes per year to 6 volumes. The income for the year was $57,579.04. The library maintains two branches, at Indian Orchard and Forest Park, and sends books to 276 minor distributing centers, 253 of which are school class rooms. The endowment given by the late David A. Wells is enabling the library to build up a valuable collection on sociology. The bequest of $10.000 from the late James Rumrill, for the music department, has been received this year. The will of Stephen E. Seymour, filed Dec. 10, 1910, bequeaths his entire estate to the library on the death of his widow, who is allowed the use of the property during her life. The estate, which consists mainly of realty, is valued at

about $200,000. The Museum of Natural History celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on May 17, 1910, with interesting public exercises. Bound volumes, 180,000; circulation, 527,699.

STERLING. A card catalogue has been made, and the Browne charging system has been adopted. Bound volumes, 9,000; circulation, 8,556.

STOCKBRIDGE. The library shows an encouraging growth, and both the main library and the Glendale branch have been well patronized. So little interest was shown in the Interlaken branch that it was given up. Rental of books to summer visitors brought in $83.10. Bound volumes, about, 9,000; circulation, 12,047.

STOW. A gift of 46 books has been received from Miss Sarah Mellen of Cambridge. Bound volumes, nearly 6,000; circulation, not reported.

SUDBURY. The library is being classified and catalogued. Bound volumes, 13,179; circulation, 8,229.

SUNDERLAND. In addition to the regular open hours on Mondays and Fridays, the library is opened from 12 to 1 P.M. when the schools are in session on those days, for the benefit of the pupils, more than half of whom are brought in from outlying districts. For reference or study, any one can take any reasonable number of books. Bound volumes, 5,097; circulation, 6,053.

SWANSEA. Busts of Irving and of Burns have been given to the library by Miss Mary A. Case, and have been placed in the front hallway. Bound volumes, 5,843; circulation, 8,053.

TAUNTON. The children's room, established in 1908, does much to interest the pupils of the schools. Stereographs, collections of photographs, attractive art exhibitions and lectures are among the means used to popularize the library and extend its use. Bound volumes, 58,131; circulation, 82,917.

TEMPLETON. In addition to the branch at Baldwinsville, mentioned in last year's report, a branch has been established at East Templeton and a delivery station at Otter River. A part of the book room has been partitioned off for a children's department. Bound volumes, about 8,800; circulation, 18,688.

TEWKSBURY. The gift of 105 bound volumes on the war of the rebellion, with 33 large military maps and 4 atlases, from Mr. James Gilbert Hill of Lowell, is acknowledged. Thirteen volumes of fiction have been presented by Mr. George Stevens. Four branches are maintained in outlying districts and a box of books is sent to each on every second Saturday. Bound volumes, about 5,000; circulation, 9,136.

TISBURY. Vineyard Haven Public Library. The building, which was given by Mrs. J. R. MacArthur, as mentioned in last year's report, has been remodeled and improved by the library associa-

tion, and Mrs. MacArthur has given a cobblestone chimney for it. Other gifts are acknowledged: a fine Oak heater from Charles Robinson of Providence, R. I.; $50 from Miss Clara Friedlander; $5 from Eugene Carpenter, and smaller sums from others; books from the W. T. K. Club, etc. The library is now housed in its new quarters, which are commodious and convenient. Bound volumes, 5,719; circulation, 5,025.

TOWNSEND. The will of John B. Graham, late of Townsend, left $200 to the library, to be expended for books. A delivery station is maintained at West Townsend. Bound volumes, 5,671; circulation, 9,446.

West Townsend Reading Room. The generous public spirit of Mrs Charles S. Homer has given to the village a very attractive and convenient reading room, which, by gifts of books from her and co-operation with the Townsend Public Library, is becoming a small local library. When Mrs. Homer acquired title to the property the house was old and tumble-down, but from plans by a New York architect it has been made not only useful but beautiful, furnished and equipped as it has been by Mrs. Homer's generosity. It is managed by a committee consisting of Dr. George A. Seaver, Mrs. G. A. Adams, Dr. H. B. Boynton and Mrs. F. J. Tenney, with Miss A. V. Seaver as the custodian. It is open every Saturday from 1.30 to 6, and from 7 to 8 P.M., and each week the Townsend library sends books for exchange. With the consent of the committee the various clubs of the village may use it for their meetings, and several of them avail themselves of the privilege. Every item of expense is borne by Mrs. Homer.

TRURO. The library has received by bequest $1,000 from Mr. David Lombard, $700 to be used for a library building and $300 for books. Bound volumes, 2,521; circulation, 1,115.

TYRINGHAM. Generous gifts of cash from Mr. John Hutlin and Mr. George Tiffany, both of New York, who have summer homes in Tyringham, are acknowledged. Bound volumes, 3,238; circulation, 1,347.

WALPOLE. The branch at East Walpole is open for two hours on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. A delivery station has been established at South Walpole. Bound volumes, 11,700; circulation, 26,516.

WALTHAM. The regular accession book has been given up, the information being given on the shelf-list card. Bound volumes, 36,500; circulation, 106,984.

WARE. The library association has received a gift of $1,000 from a generous friend, who prefers to remain anonymous, to be used within a year for the purchase of books. In May, Miss Harriet B. Hayden, for twenty-seven years librarian, resigned. The

trustees elected as her successor Miss Almeda Burnett Robbins, a Vassar graduate, for several years librarian in Greenfield and at Radcliffe College. A number of important changes have been made. A duplicate collection of fresh fiction has been started, 1 cent a day being the charge for each book. A children's room has been established, with new shelving, and most of the juvenile books placed in it. High school teachers are invited to furnish lists of books they wish for use in their classes. Books suitable to read aloud to the pupils are selected and recommended to teachers in the grade schools. Bound volumes, 13,727; circulation, 26,005.

WASHINGTON. This town, which never has had a public library of its own, though it has had library privileges in the Becket Athenæum, now joins the ranks of the library towns. The matter was first taken up about three years ago, a committee being appointed to devise ways and means, but for some time the project hung fire. Finally, and recently, the town voted to establish a library, and to have the books for the present deposited in two of the schoolhouses, with the teachers acting as librarians. The trustees elected are George Hackebeil, Clinton Capen and George Ende. It is hoped to have a library building in the near future, as a lot for the purpose has been offered to the town. The Free Public Library Commission has sent a collection of books for the new library.

WATERTOWN. "We continue the Cutter expansion system of classification and like it better and better." Work with children and the schools receives much attention. The children's librarian is allowed an hour each day for visiting the schools. Bound volumes and circulation not reported.

WAYLAND. The library has received a bequest of $5,000 and 258 volumes from the late Charles H. Draper; and one of $3,155.66 from the late Cynthia C. Roby. Bound volumes, 17,041; circulation, 10,957.

WEBSTER. A delivery station has been established at Webster Gore. The gift of Audubon's "Birds of America" is reported. Bound volumes 10,088; circulation, 24,583.

WELLESLEY. Miss Isabel Fiske has given to the library her father's collection of books on the civil war, numbering 349 volumes. A third delivery station has been established, at Cedar Street. Bound volumes, 17,182; circulation, 32,812.

WELLFLEET. As mentioned in last year's report, this library lost by fire, in November, 1909, all its books, except about 150. Though this was a severe blow, the friends of the library, who were engaged in securing funds for a building, were not disheartened. As soon as possible room was hired in a vacant store and an appeal made

to the friends of Wellfleet and of the library cause for books. This appeal met such a ready and generous response that on Feb. 1, 1910, the library was opened to the public. In June a building was purchased, put in good repair, and such alterations made as would adapt it to library purposes, at an expense of about $1,500. The trustees write: "We now own a good building, centrally located and well suited to the purpose; the books are catalogued on an approved system; the library is open two days each week, instead of one as heretofore; and the trustees feel that out of seeming misfortune much good has come and a decided advance has been made. While much in the way of books and library material that was destroyed cannot be readily replaced, the generosity of friends has done much to provide a good collection of readable books." In addition, a branch at South Wellfleet, which had been planned, has now been established, in charge of Miss Nettie S. Paine. Bound volumes, about 2,000; circulation, about 6,000.

WENHAM. Delivery stations have been established at East Wenham and Wenham Neck. Bound volumes, 5,525; circulation, 5,099.

WEST BOYLSTON. The library has been reclassified by the Dewey system, and the books recatalogued. Patrons find the change of great value. Bound volumes, 7,688; circulation, 6,146.

WEST NEWBURY. A delivery station is maintained in the First Parish. Gifts of books from the Misses Emery are reported. Bound volumes, 4,907; circulation, 7,313.

WEST SPRINGFIELD. During the latter part of April and the first half of May the library had a thorough cleaning and renovation. All books in need of repairs were sent to Springfield and rebound. A complete inventory was made and the books were relisted, renumbered and relabeled. No books were issued during this house-cleaning period and all books in borrowers' hands were called in. Bound volumes, about 10,000; circulation, 49,694.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE. In February, 1910, Miss Nina Browne was sent to the library for two weeks by the Free Public Library Commission, to help complete the catalogue. The library has a deposit station in the Grange hall, the books being given out by members. Bound volumes, 2,398; circulation, 3,909.

WEST TISBURY. The North Tisbury Reading Club has presented the library with 84 volumes, and a social given for the benefit of the library realized $25. All the books have been reclassified by the Dewey decimal system and a card catalogue made. Bound volumes, 2,310; circulation, about 1,000.

WESTBOROUGH. The gift of the income of $20,000 for the support of the library, from George N. Smalley, is acknowledged. Bound volumes, 15,447; circulation, 41,142, — an increase of over 9,000 from the preceding year.

WESTFIELD. Delivery stations have been established in two fire engine houses, the books circulating in the families of the firemen. Open shelves and the policy of making the reader feel that he is doing the librarian a favor by asking a question or making a reasonable request have borne fruit in a circulation larger by far than ever before. The number of borrowers recorded was 2,736, or about one out of every five inhabitants of the town. The young women who have taken the training course at the library have received certificates from the librarian. There are several applicants for the course the coming year. The course of vacation reading for children has been very successful. The librarian has arranged for a number of exhibitions illustrating the library's resources in various lines of literature, all books on each subject being grouped together in front of the charging desk. Bound volumes, 24,801; circulation, 56,809, — a gain of 5,664, or 11 per cent., over the preceding year.

WESTFORD. A bequest of $1,000 from John M. Osgood of Racine, Wis., has been received. The circulation of all magazines except current numbers has been begun. Readers are allowed books without limit, except in the case of new fiction. Delivery stations have been established at Graniteville, Forge Village, Parkerville, and at three schoolhouses for the use of the pupils. Bound volumes, 15,139; circulation, 10,007.

WESTHAMPTON. The library has received a gift of $100 from E. C. Bridgman of Staten Island, N. Y., in memory of his mother. Bound volumes, 3,139; circulation, 2,000.

WESTMINSTER. Among the gifts of the year are a bust of General Grant from George K. Wolcott of Somerville; the reports and printed works of Gen. Nelson A. Miles, a native of the town, from Hon. C. Q. Tirrell; and pastel portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Whitman, from Mrs. Whitman. Teachers, clergymen and students are given practically unlimited use of the books. Books desired for the schools are always bought or borrowed, if the library has not the volumes wanted. Bound volumes, 7,421; circulation, 9,117.

WESTON. A set of the "Harvard Classics," edited by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, has been presented to the library by Mr. Grant Walker. Bound volumes, 18,847; circulation, 17,457.

WESTPORT. Head of Westport. Westport Public Library. This library, which has been carried on almost solely by Dr. E. W. Burt, is doing the work of a village improvement society and social center. It owns two buildings: one, formerly a schoolhouse, sold to it by the town for $1 and used for library purposes; the other, bought by alumni of the school, and used for social purposes. In this, plays, dances, dancing schools and other entertainments are given, the proceeds being used for improvements and general purposes. During the year from 500 to 600 rejected books from Attleborough, New Bedford and other libraries have been added, making the pres-

ent number about 3,000. The branch at Horseneck Beach is maintained from May to October each year, and books are sent to schools, the almshouse, Sunday schools, etc. Bound volumes, about 3,000; circulation, about 1,000.

WESTWOOD. A branch has been established at Islington in charge of Miss Alice Wentworth. Bound volumes, 3,741; circulation, 5,284.

WEYMOUTH. Tufts Library. Delivery stations have been established in seven outlying sections of the town, and collections of about 40 books each are loaned to schools, being changed about once in two months. Over 100 volumes from the library of the late Henry Willey have been presented by Mrs. Willey. Bound volumes, 24,600; circulation, 49,528.

South Weymouth, Fogg Library. The Old Colony Club, a woman's organization, has given $25 to the library. Bound volumes, 6,575; circulation, 20,184.

WHITMAN. A set of 8 volumes on art, poetry and music has been presented to the library by Prof. George L. Raymond of Princeton, N. J. The library is being classified by the Dewey system and recatalogued. Bound volumes, 11,615; circulation, 32,759.

WILBRAHAM. Delivery stations have been established at the Wilbraham post-office and at J. H. Farr's house at Glendale. Bound volumes, 2,590; circulation, 4,241.

WILLIAMSBURG. Haydenville Public Library. The town appropriation has been increased from $150 to $200, and there is considerable sentiment in town that a still further increase should be made, as this is the only library supported by the town. The salaries of the librarian and assistant aggregate only $35, and there is a desire for more open time. At present the library is open only on Friday evening, yet there is an active demand for books. Bound volumes, 1,591; circulation, 4,935.

WILLIAMSTOWN. Forty-five books on music were purchased with money given the library by the surviving members of the Williamstown Musical Association, an extinct organization. Bound volumes, 6,600; circulation, 7,544.

WILMINGTON. The circulation for the year was 8,800, a gain of nearly 1,400 over the preceding year, with 4,042 volumes on the shelves.

WINCHENDON. The gift of $25,000 by Mr. Charles Beals for the erection of a library building, to be called the Beals Memorial, has been noted in previous reports. Mr. Beals having also given a suitable building lot, work on the foundations of the new library began about the first of November. Bound volumes, 9,542; circulation, 22,452.

WINCHESTER. It is proposed to introduce the Newark charging system for the adult library, dispensing with numbers on the fiction. Any reasonable number of books, not new or in great demand, may be taken by any person who will be responsible for them. This liberal

policy has borne fruit in a large increase of circulation. Bound volumes, 19,483; circulation, 46,810.

WINTHROP. Lists of donations and of new books are published in the local papers, thus bringing the library before the public nearly every week. The year's circulation was 37,433, with 12,545 volumes in stock.

WOBURN. An extensive reorganization of the library has taken place. The decimal classification has been adopted, and the work of reclassification is well under way. A new dictionary catalogue is being made on cards, to replace the old separate catalogues. The accession book has been abandoned, modifications of the shelf list taking its place. Three charging systems in various departments have been replaced by the Newark system. Circulation privileges have been extended by removing the limit to the number of adult books of nonfiction which may be taken on one card. Entirely free access to the shelves has been granted. A new registration has been taken; the financial records have been recast; a complete change of staff has taken place; and reading and passing on new books by a local committee has been abandoned. A modern charging desk, special steel cases and shelving have been installed, and the electric lighting system greatly improved. The librarian now attends the meetings of the trustees and their committees, acting as clerk therefor. Special attention is given to periodicals of value and authority in the industrial and technical arts and to the supply of reading matter for the blind. The library is experimenting in a small way with traveling library work, the city hospital having been the first repository. The practice of closing on all evenings except Saturday during July and August has been abandoned. Bound volumes, 51,088; circulation, 55,983.

WORCESTER. Andrew Carnegie has offered the city $75,000 for three branch library buildings, on sites to be designated by the city council, but that body has not taken action on the offer. Nine delivery stations in outlying sections are serving a large population, and books are also circulated from the schools. Mounted pictures illustrating subjects related to school study courses are loaned to teachers, as are printed copies of poems required for memorizing in the schools. Bound volumes, 173,803; circulation, 351,645.

WORTHINGTON. Two delivery stations, at Worthington Center and Ringville, have been established. A card catalogue and shelf list are being made, and Cutter numbers introduced. Miss Heacock, the assistant librarian, is doing most of the work, giving her services. Bound volumes, 2,709; circulation, 2,463.

WRENTHAM. The late Maj. Gen. Cyrus B. Cumstock bequeathed a large part of his books to the library, and they have been received. Bound volumes, 5,400; circulation, 10,300.

Appendix II.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the management of the libraries: —

Class 1

Towns which have Libraries owned and controlled by the Town and Free for Circulation to All the People

Abington,
Acushnet,
Adams,
Agawam,
Alford,
Amesbury,
Andover,
Arlington,
Ashburnham,
Ashby,
Ashland,
Athol,
Attleborough,
Auburn,
Avon,
Bellingham,
Belmont,
Berkley,
Berlin,
Beverly,
Blackstone,
Blandford,
Bolton,
Boston,
Bourne,
Boxborough,
Boylston,
Bridgewater,
Brimfield,
Brockton,
Brookfield,
Brookline,
Burlington,
Cambridge,
Canton,
Carlisle,
Carver,
Charlemont,
Charlton,
Chelmsford,
Chelsea,
Chester,
Chesterfield,
Chicopee,
Chilmark,
Clarksburg,
Clinton,
Cohasset,
Colrain,
Dalton,
Dana,
Dartmouth,
Dedham,
Deerfield,
Dennis,
Dighton,
Douglas,
Dover,
Dracut,
Dudley,
Dunstable,
East Bridgewater,
Eastham,
East Longmeadow,
Edgartown,
Egremont,
Erving,
Essex,
Everett,
Fall River,
Falmouth,
Fitchburg,
Florida,
Foxborough,
Framingham,
Freetown,
Gay Head,
Gill,
Goshen,
Gosnold,
Granby,

Granville,
Greenfield,
Greenwich,
Groton,
Groveland,
Hadley,
Halifax,
Hamilton,
Hampden,
Hancock,
Hanover,
Hanson,
Hardwick,
Harvard,
Harwich,
Hatfield,
Hawley,
Heath,
Holbrook,
Holden,
Holland,
Holliston,
Hopedale,
Hubbardston,
Hudson,
Hull,
Huntington,
Hyde Park,
Kingston,
Lakeville,
Lancaster,
Lanesborough,
Leicester,
Leominster,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Lowell,
Ludlow,
Lunenburg,
Lynn,
Lynnfield,
Manchester,
Mansfield,
Marblehead,
Marlborough,
Marshfield,
Mashpee,
Mattapoisett,
Maynard,
Medfield,
Medford,
Medway,
Melrose,
Mendon,
Merrimac,
Middleborough,
Middlefield,
Middleton,
Milford,
Millbury,
Millis,
Milton,
Monroe,
Montague,
Monterey,
Montgomery,
Mount Washington,
Nahant,
Natick,
Needham,
New Ashford,
New Bedford,
New Braintree,
Newburyport,
New Marlborough,
New Salem,
Newton,
Norfolk,
North Adams,
Northampton,
North Andover,
North Attleborough,
Northborough,
North Brookfield,
Northfield,
North Reading,
Norwood,
Oakham,
Orange,
Orleans,
Otis,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Peabody,
Pelham,
Pepperell,
Peru,
Phillipston,
Plainfield,
Plainville,
Plympton,
Prescott,
Provincetown,
Quincy,
Reading,
Revere,
Richmond,
Rochester,
Rockland,
Rockport,
Rowe,
Rowley,
Royalston,
Russell,
Rutland,
Salisbury,
Sandisfield,
Sandwich,
Saugus,
Savoy,
Seekonk,
Sharon,
Sheffield,
Shelburne,
Sherborn,
Shirley,
Shrewsbury,
Shutesbury,
Somerset,
Somerville,
Southampton,
Southborough,
Southbridge,
South Hadley,
Southwick,

Spencer,
Sterling,
Stoneham,
Stoughton,
Stow,
Sturbridge,
Sudbury,
Sunderland,
Sutton,
Swampscott,
Swansea,
Taunton,
Templeton,
Tewksbury,
Tolland,
Topsfield,
Townsend,
Truro,
Tyngsborough,
Tyringham,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Wakefield,
Wales,
Walpole,
Waltham,
Warwick,
Washington,
Watertown,
Wayland,
Webster,
Wellfleet,
Wendell,
Wenham,
Westborough,
West Boylston,
West Bridgewater,
West Brookfield,
Westford,
Westminster,
West Newbury,
Weston,
Westport,
West Springfield,
West Stockbridge,
Westwood,
Weymouth,
Whately,
Whitman,
Wilbraham,
Williamsburg,
Williamstown,
Wilmington,
Winchendon,
Winchester,
Windsor,
Winthrop,
Worcester,
Wrentham. — 275.

CLASS 2

Towns which have Free Libraries in which the Town has Some Representation in the Management

Acton,
Ayer,
Barre,
Bedford,
Belchertown,
Bernardston,
Boxford,
Braintree,
Concord,
Cummington,
Danvers,
Easthampton,
Enfield,
Franklin,
Gardner,
Georgetown,
Grafton,
Haverhill,
Hingham,
Hinsdale,
Holyoke,
Lawrence,
Lenox,
Lexington,
Lincoln,
Littleton,
Longmeadow,
Malden,
Methuen,
Norton,
Palmer,
Pembroke,
Petersham,
Pittsfield,
Randolph,
Salem,
Springfield,
Warren,
Wellesley,
Westfield,
Woburn. — 41.

CLASS 3

Towns in which there are Free Libraries to which the Town appropriates Money, but is not represented in the Management

Amherst,
Ashfield,
Becket,
Brewster,
Chatham,
Cheshire,
Duxbury,
Great Barrington,
Lee,

Marion,	Plymouth,	Ware,
Monson,	Princeton,	Wareham,
Nantucket,	Raynham,	Westhampton,
Northbridge,	Scituate,	West Tisbury,
Norwell,	Stockbridge,	Yarmouth. — 26.
Oak Bluffs,	Tisbury,	

Class 4

Towns in which there are Free Libraries which have no Connection with the Town

Barnstable,	Easton,	Ipswich,
Billerica,	Fairhaven,	Rehoboth,
Buckland,	Gloucester,	Worthington. — 11.
Conway,	Hopkinton,	

Class 5

Towns which have the Free Use of Public Libraries in Other Places

Newbury, ... Newburyport Public Library. — 1.

APPENDIX III

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Abington,	5,455	$2,939,824	Abington Public Library,
2	*North Abington*,	–	–	*North Abington Branch*,
3	Acton,	2,136	1,955,645	Acton Memorial Library,[1]
4	Acushnet,	1,692	710,940	Acushnet Free Public Library,
5	*Long Plain*,	–	–	*Long Plain Branch*,
6	Adams,	13,026	6,114,933	Adams Free Public Library,
7	Agawam,	3,501	1,839,840	Agawam Free Public Library,
8	*Feeding Hills*,	–	–	*Feeding Hills Branch*,
9	*Mittineague*,	–	–	*Mittineague Branch*,
10	Alford,	275	184,391	Alford Free Town Library,
11	Amesbury,	9,894	6,087,070	Amesbury Public Library,
12	Amherst,	5,112	3,778,379	Amherst Town Library,[2]
13	*North Amherst*,	–	–	*North Amherst Public Library*,
14	Andover,	7,301	6,471,167	Memorial Hall Library,[3]
15	Arlington,	11,187	11,479,914	Robbins Library,
16	*Arlington Heights*,	–	–	*Arlington Heights Reading Room*,
17	Ashburnham,	2,107	960,691	Ashburnham Public Library,[2]
18	Ashby,	885	531,775	Ashby Free Public Library,
19	Ashfield,	959	617,288	Ashfield Library Association,
20	*South Ashfield*,	–	–	*South Ashfield Branch*,
21	*Baptist Corner*,	–	–	*Baptist Corner Branch*,
22	Ashland,	1,682	1,192,830	Ashland Public Library,
23	Athol,	8,536	4,569,500	Athol Free Public Library,
24	Attleborough,	16,215	14,911,070	Attleborough Public Library,[4]
25	Auburn,	2,420	1,231,500	Auburn Free Public Library,
26	*Stoneville*,	–	–	*Stoneville Branch*,
27	Avon,	2,013	962,100	Avon Free Public Library,
28	Ayer,	2,795	2,008,530	Ayer Library,
29	Barnstable,	4,676	5,792,750	Sturgis Library,
30	*West Barnstable*,	–	–	*Linder Library*,

[1] Two delivery stations. [2] One delivery station.

APPENDIX III

LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Helen M. Hunt,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat., 6.30 to 8 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 4 to 5.30 P.M.	1
Gertrude M. Gleason,	- - -	2
Arthur F. Davis,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	3
Elsie Collins,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	4
Mrs. Charles Allen,	- - -	5
Lucy C. Richmond,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 9.30 P.M.	6
Ralph Perry,	- - -	7
Samuel Newell Smith,	- - -	8
Julia E. Tower,	- - -	9
Mrs. Rachael E. Ploss,	Wed., 2 to 8 P.M.	10
Alice C. Follansbee,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	11
Mary M. Robison,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	12
Mary E. Harrington,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	13
Edna Adelaide Brown,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 12.30 P.M., 3 to 9 P.M.	14
Elizabeth Jane Newton,	Sun., 2.30 to 5.30 P.M.; Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 10 A.M. to 12 M., 1 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 10 A.M. to 12 M., 1 to 9 P.M.	15
M. Macie Seabury,	- - -	16
Lona M. Davis,	Wed., Sat., aft., eve.	17
Eliza A. Kendall,	Tue., Fri., 12 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	18
Mrs. B. O. Dodge,	Tue., 7 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	19
Mrs. Charles H. Day,	- - -	20
Mildred A. Wait,	- - -	21
Mrs. Ellen M. Arnold,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	22
Mrs. May Alice Cook,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	23
Eugenia May Henry,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 3 to 9 P.M.	24
Abby Brewer Shute,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	25
Amy Smart,	- - -	26
Matthew Wilton Smith,	- - -	27
S. Adelaide Blood,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6. 30 to 9.30 P.M.	28
Elizabeth Crocker Nye,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	29
Carrie P. Bursley,	Sat. aft.	30

[3] Four delivery stations. [4] Three delivery stations.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	*Centerville,*	–	–	*Centerville Free Public Library Association.*
2	*Cotuit,*	–	–	*Cotuit Public Library,*
3	*Hyannis,*	–	–	*Hyannis Free Public Library Association.*
4	*South Hyannis,*	–	–	*South Hyannis Branch,*
5	*Marston's Mills,*	–	–	*Marston's Mills Public Library,*
6	*Osterville,*	–	–	*Osterville Public Library,*
7	*Wianno,*	–	–	*Wianno Branch,*
8	Barre,	2,957	$1,852,997	Barre Free Public Library,
9	*South Barre,*	–	–	*South Barre Branch,*
10	*Barre Plains,*	–	–	*Barre Plains Branch,*
11	*District No. 7,*	–	–	*District No. 7 Branch,*
12	Becket,	959	518,483	Becket Athenæum,
13	Bedford,	1,231	1,307,261	Bedford Free Public Library,
14	Belchertown,	2,054	916,195	Clapp Memorial Library,
15	Bellingham,	1,696	839,895	Bellingham Free Public Library,
16	*Caryville,*	–	–	*Caryville Branch,*
17	*North Bellingham,*	–	–	*North Bellingham Branch,*
18	*South Bellingham,*	–	–	*South Bellingham Branch,*
19	*Rakeville,*	–	–	*Rakeville Branch,*
20	*Crooks Corner,*	–	–	*Crooks Corner Branch,*
21	Belmont,	5,542	6,278,770	Belmont Public Library,[1]
22	*Waverley,*	–	–	*Waverley Reading Room,*
23	Berkley,	999	392,908	Berkley Public Library,
24	Berlin,	904	554,040	Berlin Free Public Library,
25	Bernardston,	741	440,639	Cushman Library,
26	BEVERLY,	18,650	33,269,775	Beverly Public Library,
27	*Beverly Farms,*	–	–	*Beverly Farms Branch,*
28	*North Beverly,*	–	–	*North Beverly Deposit,*
29	*Centreville,*	–	–	*Centreville Deposit,*
30	Billerica,	2,789	2,435,799	Bennett Public Library,
31	*North Billerica,*	–	–	*Talbot Library,*
32	Blackstone,	5,648	2,270,236	Blackstone Public Library,[1]
33	Blandford,	717	534,301	Porter Memorial Library,
34	*North Blandford,*	–	–	*North Blandford Branch,*
35	Bolton,	764	497,860	Bolton Public Library,
36	BOSTON,	670,585	1,347,948,227	Public Library of the City of Boston,[2]

[1] Two delivery stations. [2] Seventeen reading rooms and delivery stations also.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Rose Alma Hallett,	Tue., Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 4 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 4 to 7 P.M.	1
Alice M. Howard,	Daily (except Sun., Wed. aft. and Thu. eve.), 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	2
Ora A. Hinckley,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2.30 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	3
Mina Fuller,	- - -	4
Estelle Mecarta,	Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	5
Mrs. Mary L. Crocker,	Daily, 7 to 9 P.M. In summer daily, and in winter Tue., Thu., Sat., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M. also.	6
Mrs. T. H. Ames,	- - -	7
Carrie Emily Read,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 7 to 8 P.M. Daily, Oct. 1 to May 1, 2 to 5 P.M.; May 1 to Oct. 1, 2 to 6 P.M., also.	8
R. Donald Thompson,	- - -	9
Mrs. Carrie J. Bowman,	- - -	10
Mrs. Wilfred Hinckley,	- - -	11
Mrs. Eliza Millard,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	12
Fannie A. Wood,	Wed., 3 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	13
Lydia A. Barton,	Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M. Apr. to Nov. daily, except Mon., 2 to 5 P.M.; Nov. to Apr., Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 4.30 P.M.	14
Bertha Franklin,	Tue., 7 to 8 P.M. July 1 to Oct. 1, Sat., 3 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.; Oct. 1 to July 1, Fri., 3 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.	15
Mrs. Mary S. Wright,	- - -	16
Mrs. Hattie Hawes,	- - -	17
Mrs. Alice A. Burr,	- - -	18
Mrs. Olive Cook,	- - -	19
Esther Staples,	- - -	20
Mary Sawyer,	Daily, 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	21
Bessie T. Gates,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	22
Julia R. Burt,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	23
Alice E. Babcock,	First and Third Wed. each month, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8.15 P.M.	24
Nettie T. Davis,	Wed., 4 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 4 to 8.30 P.M.	25
Martha Putnam Smith,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	26
Lillian A. Culbert,	- - -	27
Benjamin W. Roberts,	- - -	28
Mrs. Horace Elliott,	- - -	29
Emma M. Whitford,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	30
Lillian Bottomley,	Tue., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M. Reading room daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	31
Timothy E. Curran,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	32
Mrs. Francis E. T. de Braal,	Tue., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7.30 to 9 P.M. In July and Aug., Tue., 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Wed., Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	33
Mrs. Howard C. Waite,	- - -	34
Fidelia C. Newton,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	35
Horace G. Wadlin,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. June 15 to Sept. 15, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sun., 12 M. to 10 P.M. June 15 to Sept. 15, 12 M. to 9 P.M.	36

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	*Brighton,*	–	–	*Brighton Branch,*
2	*Charlestown,*	–	–	*Charlestown Branch,*
3	*Dorchester,*	–	–	*Dorchester Branch,*
4	*East Boston,*	–	–	*East Boston Branch,*
5	*Jamaica Plain,*	–	–	*Jamaica Plain Branch,*
6	*Roxbury,*	–	–	*Roxbury Branch,*
7	*South Boston,*	–	–	*South Boston Branch,*
8	*South End,*	–	–	*South End Branch,*
9	*Upham's Corner,*	–	–	*Upham's Corner Branch,*
10	*West End,*	–	–	*West End Branch,*
11	*West Roxbury,*	–	–	*West Roxbury Branch,*
12	Bourne,	2,474	$4,103,875	Jonathan Bourne Public Library,
13	*Sagamore,*	–	–	*Sagamore Branch,*
14	*Bournedale,*	–	–	*Bournedale Branch,*
15	*Monument Beach,*	–	–	*Monument Beach Branch,*
16	*Pocasset,*	–	–	*Pocasset Branch,*
17	*Cataumet,*	–	–	*Cataumet Branch,*
18	Boxborough,	317	266,975	Boxborough Free Public Library,
19	Boxford,	718	1,301,860	Boxford Public Library,
20	*West Boxford,*	–	–	*West Boxford Public Library,*
21	Boylston,	714	482,638	Boylston Public Library,
22	Braintree,	8,066	6,054,791	Thayer Public Library,
23	*East Braintree,*	–	–	*East Braintree Branch,*
24	Brewster,	631	615,997	Brewster Ladies' Library Association,
25	Bridgewater,	7,688	3,320,266	Bridgewater Public Library,
26	Brimfield,	866	559,840	Brimfield Public Library,
27	BROCKTON,	56,878	40,621,439	Brockton Public Library,
28	*Campello,*	–	–	*Campello Branch,*
29	*Montello,*	–	–	*Montello Branch,*
30	Brookfield,	2,204	1,271,436	Merrick Public Library,[1]
31	*East Brookfield,*	–	–	*East Brookfield Branch,*
32	Brookline,	27,792	104,586,100	Public Library of Brookline,[2]
33	Buckland,	1,578	711,172	Buckland Public Church Library,
34	Burlington,	591	625,899	Burlington Public Library,
35	CAMBRIDGE,	104,839	106,958,135	Cambridge Public Library,
36	*East Cambridge,*	–	–	*East Cambridge Branch,*
37	*North Cambridge,*	–	–	*North Cambridge Branch,*

[1] One delivery station. [2] Three deposit stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Louise Prouty,	- - -	1
Elizabeth F. Cartée,	- - -	2
Mrs. Elizabeth T. Reed,	- - -	3
Ellen O. Walkley,	- - -	4
Mary P. Swain,	- - -	5
Helen M. Bell,	- - -	6
Alice M. Robinson,	- - -	7
Margaret A. Sheridan,	- - -	8
Mary L. Brick,	- - -	9
Mrs. Eliza R. Davis,	- - -	10
Carrie L. Morse,	- - -	11
Mrs. Edith Florence Nickerson,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	12
Ida Nye,	- - -	13
Mrs. Albert Holway,	- - -	14
Mrs. F. E. Babcock,	- - -	15
Mrs. Nathan Phinney,	- - -	16
Mrs. Frank Irwin,	- - -	17
Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins,	Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8.30 P.M.	18
Mary Sawyer; Bessie Cleaveland,	Sat. aft. For reading or reference work, at any time.	19
Nellie Spofford,	Sat., 3 to 4 P.M.	20
George L. Wright,	- - -	21
Caroline M. Wilkinson,	Daily, except Sun., 12.30 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	22
Librarian or assistant from main library.	Tue and Thu. eve.	23
Alma Rogers,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	24
Lucia Leach Christian,	Tue., Wed., Thu., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 3 to 6 P.M.	25
Mary Anna Tarbell,	Wed., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	26
Frank Hayden Whitmore,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8.30 P.M.	27
Wealthy A. Holmes,	- - -	28
Mrs. Abbie L. Curtis,	- - -	29
Winnifred S. Farrell,	Daily, 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	30
Bertha M. Doubleday,	- - -	31
Louisa M. Hooper,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.[1]	32
Mrs. C. L. Hunt,	Sun., 12.30 to 2 P.M. In winter, Tue., 7 to 9 P.M. also.	33
Mary L. Foster,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M. Reading room, Tue., Thu., 7 to 9 P.M. also.	34
Clarence Walter Ayer,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	35
Mary Agnes Curtis,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.; 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	36
Ellen Magdalene Hayes,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	37

[1] In July and Aug., Wed., Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; other days 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1919.	Valuation, 1920.	Name of Library.
1	Canton,	4,797	$4,135,780	Canton Public Library,
2	Carlisle,	551	457,230	Gleason Public Library,
3	Carver,	1,633	1,504,725	Carver Public Library,
4	*South Carver,*	–	–	*South Carver Branch,*
5	*East Carver,*	–	–	*East Carver Branch,*
6	*West Carver,*	–	–	*West Carver Branch,*
7	*Bates Pond,*	–	–	*Bates Pond Branch,*
8	*North Carver,*	–	–	*North Carver Branch,*
9	Charlemont,	1,001	521,408	Charlemont Free Library,
10	*Zoar,*	–	–	*Zoar Branch,*
11	Charlton,	2,032	1,292,945	Charlton Free Public Library,
12	Chatham,	1,564	1,180,850	Eldredge Public Library,
13	Chelmsford,	5,010	4,524,105	Adams Library,[1]
14	*North Chelmsford,*	–	–	*North Chelmsford Library Association.*[1]
15	Chelsea,	32,452	24,041,350	Fitz Public Library,
16	Cheshire,	1,509	797,028	Cheshire Library Association,
17	Chester,	1,377	713,861	Chester Free Public Library,
18	*Littleville,*	–	–	*Littleville Branch,*
19	*North Chester,*	–	–	*North Chester Branch,*
20	*Chester Center,*	–	–	*Chester Center Library Association,*
21	Chesterfield,	536	315,640	Chesterfield Town Library,
22	*West Chesterfield,*	–	–	*West Chesterfield Branch,*
23	Chicopee,	25,401	12,620,980	Chicopee City Library,
24	*Chicopee Falls,*	–	–	*Chicopee Falls Branch,*
25	*Willimansett,*	–	–	*Willimansett Branch,*
26	*Fairview,*	–	–	*Fairview Branch,*
27	Chilmark,	282	309,662	Chilmark Free Library,
28	Clarksburg,	1,207	263,196	Clarksburg Public Library,
29	Clinton,	13,075	8,274,087	Bigelow Free Public Library,
30	Cohasset,	2,585	7,652,937	Paul Pratt Memorial Library,
31	Colrain,	1,741	675,319	Griswold Memorial Library,
32	*Christian Hill,*	–	–	*Christian Hill Branch,*
33	Concord,	6,421	6,790,679	Concord Free Public Library,[1]
34	Conway,	1,230	704,959	Field Memorial Library,[1]
35	Cummington,	637	333,550	Bryant Free Library,
36	Dalton,	3,568	3,939,251	Dalton Free Public Library,
37	*Dalton, South,*	–	–	*South Branch,*

[1] One delivery station.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Mrs. Lucy D. Downes,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	1
Mrs. Mary A. Green,	Apr. to Oct., Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Oct. to Apr., Sat., 2.30 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	2
Mrs. Bernice Esther Barrows,	Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	3
Marion Copeland,	- - -	4
Mrs. Lester Pratt,	- - -	5
Elsie Lawson,	- - -	6
Mrs. B. E. Barrows,	- - -	7
Francelia B. Dunham,	- - -	8
Alice Bemis,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	9
Florence Negus,	- - -	10
Ruth P. Wakefield,	Sat., 1 to 8 P.M.	11
Edna Hardy,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	12
Mrs. Luella H. S. Clark,	Wed., Sat., 3.30 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Fri., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	13
Anna Campbell Mackay,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 8.30 P.M.	14
Medora Jennett Simpson,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.	15
Emma E. Martin,	Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 8.30 P.M.	16
Mrs. H. A. Lamphor,	Wed., 3.45 to 5.45 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	17
Mrs. J. J. Elder,	- - -	18
Mrs. William Smith,	Thu. aft.	19
Mrs. Mary E. Foote,	- - -	20
James D. Stall,	- - -	21
Mrs. Gilbert B. Healy,	- - -	22
Anne Alcott Smith,	Mon., 1 to 9 P.M.; Tue., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; Wed., 1 to 6 P.M.; Thu., 1 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 1 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	23
Eleanor Emma Gorton,	- - -	24
Mrs. Anna V. Kidder,	- - -	25
May E. Graffam,	- - -	26
Leona B. Mitchell,	Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	27
Library closed,	- - -	28
Charlotte L. Greene,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Reading rooms, Sun., also, 2 to 5 P.M.	29
Sarah B. Collier; Charlotte S. Tower.	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	30
Mrs. Katherine Holton Cram,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 1 P.M.	31
Mrs. O. H. Taylor,	- - -	32
Helen Whitney Kelley,	Daily, 9 A.M. to 12 M.; 1 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M. also.	33
Margaret Frances Sikes,	Daily, except Sun., 1 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 3 to 6 P.M.	34
Mrs. Lottie W. Tower,	Sat., 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.	35
Mrs. Minnie E. Davison,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	36
Minnie M. Kirchner,	- - -	37

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	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Dana,	736	$394,242	Dana Centre Public Library,
2	*North Dana,*	–	–	*North Dana Public Library,*
3	Danvers,	9,407	6,012,120	Peabody Institute Library,
4	Dartmouth,	4,378	3,423,825	Dartmouth Free Public Library,
5	*South Dartmouth,*	–	–	*Southworth Library,*
6	*North Dartmouth,*	–	–	*North Dartmouth Free Public Library.*
7	Dedham,	9,284	12,812,348	Dedham Public Library,
8	*Oakdale,*	–	–	*Oakdale Branch,*
9	*East Dedham,*	–	–	*East Dedham Branch,*
10	Deerfield,	2,209	1,795,140	Dickinson Library,
11	*South Deerfield,*	–	–	*South Deerfield Town Library,*
12	*Deerfield,*	–	–	*Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library.*
13	Dennis,	1,914	1,224,005	Jacob Sears Memorial Library,
14	*East Dennis,*	–	–	*Dennis Library Association,*
15	Dighton,	2,235	1,084,308	Dighton Free Public Library,
16	Douglas,	2,152	1,233,795	Simon Fairfield Public Library,
17	Dover,	798	5,328,141	Dover Town Library,
18	*First Parish,*	–	–	*Barden Library,*
19	Dracut,	3,461	2,349,207	Dracut Public Library,[1]
20	Dudley,	4,267	1,715,665	Dudley Free Public Library,
21	Dunstable,	408	328,944	Dunstable Free Public Library,
22	Duxbury,	1,688	2,204,036	Duxbury Free Library,[1]
23	East Bridgewater,	3,363	2,078,620	East Bridgewater Public Library,
24	Eastham,	518	442,100	Eastham Public Library,[1]
25	Easthampton,	8,524	5,690,444	Public Library Association,
26	East Longmeadow,	1,553	715,065	E. Longmeadow Public Library,
27	Easton,	5,139	5,289,116	Ames Free Library,[1]
28	Edgartown,	1,191	1,054,100	Edgartown Free Public Library,
29	Egremont,	605	482,027	Egremont Free Library,
30	*North Egremont,*	–	–	*North Egremont Branch,*
31	*West Egremont,*	–	–	*West Egremont Branch,*
32	Enfield,	874	677,870	Enfield Library Association,
33	Erving,	1,148	973,515	Erving Free Public Library,
34	*Miller's Falls,*	–	–	*Miller's Falls Branch,*
35	Essex,	1,621	1,142,265	T. O. H. P. Burnham Public Library,
36	Everett,	33,484	26,606,450	Frederick E. Parlin Memorial Library,

[1] Three delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Mrs. Susan E. Stevens,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.	1
Grace A. Haskins,	- - -	2
Mrs. Emilie D. Patch,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	3
Mary A. Tucker,	Mon., Thu., 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.	4
Theodosia Potter Chase,	Tue., Thu., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	5
Mabel Whalon Cornell,	Mon., Thu., 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.	6
Anna P. Rolland,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M. July and Aug., 4 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.	7
David C. Valentine,	- - -	8
Nellie F. Riley,	- - -	9
Mrs. Augusta Barber Lamb,	Mon., Wed., 4 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.	10
Martha A. Pierce,	Mon., Sat., 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Tue., 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.	11
George Sheldon,	Daily, except Sun. (six mos. in the year), 9 A.M. to 12 M.; 1 to 5 P.M.	12
Mrs. Nathan Sears,	Sat., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.	13
Susan Hall,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	14
Helen Holmes Lane,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	15
Vera Helen Warner,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 6, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M. (Sat., until 9 P.M.).	16
Elizabeth Frances Heard,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	17
Charles William Plympton,	Sun. after church service.	18
Mrs. Mary L. Hamblett,	Sat., 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	19
Margaret D. Crawford,	Mon., Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	20
Mrs. Lizzie A. Swallow,	Wed., 2 to 3.15 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 8.30 P.M.	21
Sara B. Higgins,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 6, 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading room), 3 to 6 P.M.	22
Lucy Loring Siddall,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 3 to 8 P.M.	23
Mrs. Sarah B. Clark,	Wed., Sat., 1.30 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	24
Dorcas Chapin Miller,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	25
Ella L. Carter,	Wed., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	26
Mary Lavinia Lamprey,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	27
Eunice Coffin Ripley,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 4.50, 6 to 8 P.M. In summer, Mon. also, same hours.	28
Hilda Brusie,	Sat., 11.30 A.M. to 3.30 P.M.	29
Miss Millard,	- - -	30
Mrs. George W. Smith,	- - -	31
Ada L. Harwood,	- - -	32
Mrs. W. G. Walkup,	Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.	33
W. A. Butman,	- - -	34
Ethelyn B. Story,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	35
Ellen Louisa Johnson,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. June 1 to Oct. 1, closes at 8 P.M., except Tue. and Thu., when it closes at 6 P.M.	36

[1] Five delivery stations.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	*East Everett,*	-	-	*Shute Memorial Library,*
2	Fairhaven,	5,122	$3,239,922	The Millicent Library,
3	Fall River,	119,295	88,279,138	Fall River Public Library,[1]
4	Falmouth,	3,144	8,109,216	Falmouth Free Public Library,[2]
5	*West Falmouth,*	-	-	*West Falmouth Library,*
6	*Woods Hole,*	-	-	*Woods Hole Public Library Association.*
7	Fitchburg,	37,826	28,571,313	Public Library of Fitchburg,
8	Florida,	395	186,057	Florida Free Public Library,
9	Foxborough,	3,863	2,277,775	Boyden Library,
10	Framingham,	12,948	10,566,480	Framingham Town Library,[1]
11	Franklin,	5,641	3,794,560	Franklin Library Association,
12	*Franklin,*	-	-	*Ray Memorial Room,*
13	Freetown,	1,471	894,220	Guilford H. Hathaway Library,
14	*East Freetown,*	-	-	*East Freetown Circulating Library,*
15	Gardner,	14,659	7,677,705	Levi Heywood Memorial Library,[2]
16	Gay Head,	162	29,172	Gay Head Public Library,
17	Georgetown,	1,958	1,025,400	Georgetown Peabody Library,
18	Gill,	942	471,701	Gill Free Public Library,
19	*Riverside,*	-	-	*Riverside Branch,*
20	Gloucester,	24,398	22,279,512	Sawyer Free Library,
21	*Gloucester,*	-	-	*Free City Library,*
22	*Magnolia,*	-	-	*Magnolia Public Library,*
23	*Annisquam,*	-	-	*Village Hall Library,*
24	Goshen,	279	181,685	Goshen Free Public Library,
25	Gosnold,	152	584,286	Gosnold Free Public Library,
26	Grafton,	5,705	2,669,695	Grafton Public Library,[2]
27	*Saundersville,*	-	-	*Saundersville Branch,*
28	Granby,	761	506,046	Granby Free Public Library,
29	Granville,	781	468,678	Granville Public Library,
30	*Granville Center,*	-	-	*Granville Center Branch,*
31	*West Granville,*	-	-	*West Granville Branch,*
32	Great Barrington,	5,926	5,844,680	Great Barrington Free Library,
33	*Housatonic,*	-	-	*Ramsdell Public Library,*
34	Greenfield,	10,427	9,634,431	Greenfield Public Library,[4]
35	*Greenfield,*	-	-	*Greenfield Library Association,*
36	Greenwich,	452	246,532	Greenwich Public Library,[4]

[1] Three delivery stations. [2] Two delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Mildred R. Holt,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 6 to 9 P.M. June 1 to Oct. 1, closes at 8 P.M.	1
Drew B. Hall,	Every day in the year 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	2
George W. Rankin,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Nov. to May (reference and reading rooms), Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	3
Pamelia Frances Robbins,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	4
Albert S. Bowerman,	- - -	5
Edna E. Wells,	Sept. 15 to June 15, Wed., Sat., 7 to 8 P.M.; June 15 to Sept. 15, 7 to 9 P.M.	6
George Edward Nutting,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 1.30 to 5 P.M., except July and Aug.	7
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Whitcomb,	Every day in the week.	8
Mary D. Torrey,	Mon., Tue., 6 to 9 P.M.; Thu., Fri., 1 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 9 P.M.	9
Emma Leonore Clarke,	Daily, except Sun., 2.30 to 9.30 P.M.	10
Mrs. Ella G. Campbell,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	11
Mrs. Helen J. Hurd,	- - -	12
Helen W. Winslow,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 1 to 7.45 P.M.	13
Elizabeth W. Lawrence,	7.30 A.M. to 8 P.M.	14
Jennie L. Knight,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M. also.	15
Harry G. Reed,	Daily, except Sat. and Sun., 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.	16
Lois P. Noyes,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	17
Mrs. J. J. Wrisley,	Wed. and Sat. aft. and eve.	18
Frank D. Jones,	- - -	19
Rachel Sawyer Webber,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.).	20
Isabel Anne Murphy,	- - -	21
Mrs. Joseph Sargent, Jr.,	Daily, 9 A.M. to 12 M. in summer; Sat. aft. and eve. in winter.	22
Helen Lane, *Chairman*,	Mon., 2 to 5 P.M.; Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.	23
John J. Nicholson,	Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 1 P.M.	24
Florence V. Tilton,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 4 P.M.	25
Lucy W. Biscoe,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	26
Anna May Hartness,	- - -	27
Cora H. Kellogg,	Wed., 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Fri., 2 to 3.30 P.M.	28
Mable H. Root,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	29
Herbert Winchell,	- - -	30
Joseph Welch,	- - -	31
Emma Woodruff Sheldon,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.; 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	32
Lydia A. Fuller,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	33
May Ashley,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. For reading only, Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.	34
Caroline R. Simons,	- - -	35
Helen Irene Nevins,	Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	36

[a] Four delivery stations. [b] One delivery station.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Groton,	2,155	$3,789,256	Groton Public Library,[1]
2	Groveland,	2,253	1,162,672	Groveland Public Library,
3	*South Groveland,*	–	–	*Hale Library,*
4	Hadley,	1,999	1,346,534	Hadley Free Library,
5	*North Hadley,*	–	–	*North Hadley Branch,*
6	Halifax,	550	534,249	Holmes Public Library,
7	Hamilton,	1,749	3,798,420	Hamilton Public Library,[1]
8	Hampden,	645	381,465	Hampden Free Public Library,
9	Hancock,	465	300,427	Hancock Public Library,
10	*North Hancock,*	–	–	*North Hancock Branch,*
11	Hanover,	2,326	1,479,875	John Curtis Free Library,[2]
12	Hanson, *South,*	1,854	1,079,496	Hanson Public Library, *South,*
13	Hanson, *North,*	–	–	Hanson Public Library, *North,*
14	*New State,*	–	–	*New State Branch,*
15	*Maquan,*	–	–	*Maquan Branch,*
16	*North Hanson,*	–	–	*Hanson Library Association,*
17	*Burrage,*	–	–	*Burrage Branch,*
18	*High Street,*	–	–	*High Street Branch,*
19	Hardwick,	3,524	1,829,470	Paige Memorial Library,
20	*Gilbertville,*	–	–	*Gilbertville Public Library,*
21	Harvard,	1,034	1,233,711	Harvard Public Library,
22	Harwich,	2,115	1,378,366	Brooks Free Library,
23	*West Harwich,*	–	–	*Chase Library,*
24	Hatfield,	1,986	1,326,842	Hatfield Public Library,[2]
25	HAVERHILL,	44,115	30,991,641	Haverhill Public Library,
26	*Washington Square,*	–	–	*Washington Square Branch,*
27	*Ayer's Village,*	–	–	*Ayer's Village Branch,*
28	*Rock's Village,*	–	–	*Rock's Village Branch,*
29	*Bradford,*	–	–	*Bradford Branch,*
30	Hawley,	424	158,022	Hawley Public Library,
31	*West Hawley,*	–	–	*West Hawley Branch,*
32	*East Hawley,*	–	–	*East Hawley Branch,*
33	*Bozrah,*	–	–	*Bozrah Branch,*
34	Heath,	346	172,672	Heath Free Public Library,
35	Hingham,	4,965	6,102,557	Hingham Public Library,
36	*Nantasket,*	–	–	*Nantasket Library,*
37	Hinsdale,	1,116	577,412	Hinsdale Public Library Association,

[1] One delivery station. [2] Five delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Emma F. Blood,	Mon., Sat., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.	1
Helena M. Nickerson,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	2
Edward L. Sides,	- - -	3
George C. Marsh,	Wed., 7.15 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2.15 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	4
O. W. Prouty,	- - -	5
James T. Thomas,	Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	6
Mrs. Grace C. Stone,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 7 to 9 P.M.	7
Mrs. John Q. Adams,	Sat., 3.30 to 8.30 P.M.	8
Mrs. W. K. Hadselle,	Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	9
Sarah A. Gardner,	- - -	10
Bessie M. Sproul,	Wed. and Sat., aft. and eve.	11
Mrs. Abbie F. Phillips,	- - -	12
Mary J. Drew,	Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 7.30 P.M.	13
Mrs. Mary F. Bates,	- - -	14
Lucy J. Bryant,	- - -	15
Mary J. Drew,	- - -	16
Mrs. Henry Goff,	- - -	17
Mrs. George Severance,	- - -	18
Nettie C. Bridges,	Tue., Thu., 2 to 4.30 P.M.; Sat. eve.	19
Andrew Bacher,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	20
Helen L. Barnard,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.15, 6.15 to 8.30 P.M.	21
Lulu B. Tobey,	Sat., 1.30 to 5.30 P.M.	22
Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson,	Sat., 2.30 to 9 P.M.	23
Chester M. Barton,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	24
John Grant Moulton,	- - -	25
Elma J. Hussey,	- - -	26
Temporary assistant,	- - -	27
Temporary assistant,	- - -	28
Annie F. Sawyer,	- - -	29
Albert F. Sears,	Every other Wed., 2 to 3 P.M.	30
Mrs. Delia F. Vincent,	- - -	31
Julia E. Harmon,	- - -	32
Mrs. Sarah Scott,	- - -	33
Henry Kirk Smith,	Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	34
Albert L. Stephenson,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 7 to 8 P.M.	35
Mary Wentworth Clark,	Wed., Sat., 4 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; during winter, Mon. eve.	36
P. R. Birmingham,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 4 to 7 P.M.	37

[a] Three delivery stations.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Holbrook,	2,816	$1,450,648	Holbrook Public Library,
2	Holden,	2,147	1,629,967	Gale Free Library,
3	Holland,	145	99,734	Holland Free Public Library,
4	Holliston,	2,711	1,657,593	Holliston Public Library,
5	Holyoke,	57,730	47,390,680	Holyoke Public Library,[1]
6	Hopedale,	2,188	5,240,295	Bancroft Memorial Library,
7	*South Hopedale,*	–	–	*South Hopedale Branch,*
8	Hopkinton,	2,452	1,578,361	Hopkinton Public Library,
9	Hubbardston,	1,073	689,615	Hubbardston Free Public Library,
10	Hudson,	6,743	3,925,195	Hudson Public Library,
11	Hull,	2,103	5,403,336	Hull Village Library,
12	Huntington,	1,473	632,725	Huntington Free Public Library,
13	*Norwich Hill,*	–	–	*Norwich Hill Branch,*
14	*Knightville,*	–	–	*Knightville Branch,*
15	Hyde Park,	15,507	14,628,095	Hyde Park Public Library,
16	*Readville,*	–	–	*Readville Branch,*
17	Ipswich,	5,777	4,786,749	Ipswich Free Public Library,
18	Kingston,	2,445	1,602,270	Frederic C. Adams Public Library,
19	Lakeville,	1,141	701,355	Lakeville Free Public Library,
20	*North Lakeville,*	–	–	*North Branch,*
21	*South Lakeville,*	–	–	*South Branch,*
22	Lancaster,	2,464	4,142,080	Lancaster Town Library,
23	Lanesborough,	947	534,044	Lanesborough Town Library,
24	Lawrence,	85,892	59,434,446	Lawrence Free Public Library,[1]
25	*South Lawrence,*	–	–	*South Lawrence Branch,*
26	Lee,	4,106	2,087,980	Lee Public Library,
27	Leicester,	3,237	2,413,624	Leicester Public Library,
28	*Greenville,*	–	–	*Copeland Memorial Library,*
29	*Rochdale,*	–	–	*Rochdale Branch,*
30	*Cherry Valley,*	–	–	*Cherry Valley Branch,*
31	Lenox,	3,060	6,107,732	Lenox Library Association,
32	*Lenoxdale,*	–	–	*Lenoxdale Reading Room,*
33	Leominster,	17,580	11,972,130	Leominster Public Library,
34	Leverett,	728	316,830	Leverett Free Public Library,
35	*Hillsborough,*	–	–	*Hillsborough Branch,*
36	*Moore's Corner,*	–	–	*Moore's Corner Branch,*
37	*North Leverett,*	–	–	*North Leverett Free Public Library,*

[1] One delivery station.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Zenas Aaron French, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 3.15 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	1
Mrs. Addie M. Holden, . .	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	2
Delia M. Blodgett, . . .	Thu., 4 to 5 P.M.	3
Blanche E. Partridge, . . .	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	4
Frank Grenell Willcox, . .	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading room only), 2 to 5 P.M.	5
Harriet B. Sornborger, . .	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5.30, 6.45 to 9 P.M. Nov. 1 to Apr. 1, Sun. (reading room only), 4 to 7 PM.	6
Mrs. A. F. W. Smith, . . .	- - -	7
Effie L. Woods, ...	Mon., 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	8
Lucy Harriet Grimes, . . .	Wed., 6 to 8 P.M. (July to Sept., 3 to 5 P.M.); Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	9
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore, .	Mon., Wed., Thu., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	10
Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, Mrs. L. A. R. Knight, Mrs. M. I. Vogell.	Fri., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M. In July and Aug., Tue., also, 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.	11
Louisa Mace, ...	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	12
Mrs. Walter Hendrick, . .	- - -	13
Clarence E. Bates, . . .	- - -	14
Elizabeth Ainsworth, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	15
Henry M. Dean, Jr., . . .	- - -	16
Mrs. Mary Butler Maine, . .	Tue., Fri., 10 A.M. to 12 M.; Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	17
Mrs. Jennie F. McLauthlen, .	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 4 to 8 P.M.	18
Hannah K. Nelson, . . .	Wed., Sat., Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, 3 to 5 P.M.; Oct. 1 to Apr. 1, 2 to 4 P.M.	19
Mrs. William F. Harlow, . .	- - -	20
Mrs. Jerusha Washburn, . .	- - -	21
Virginia M. Keyes, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	22
Leonora O'Herron, . . .	Thu. aft. and eve. In July and Aug. Mon. aft. and eve. also.	23
William A. Walsh, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	24
- -	- - -	25
Mary Stallman, ...	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Thu., 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	26
Annise Boyd Kane, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 1.30 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	27
Rev. Henry Schwab, . . .	- - -	28
Mrs. Walker Woodhead, . .	- - -	29
Annise Boyd Kane, . . .	- - -	30
Anna Louise White, . . .	Daily, except Sun., May 15 to Nov. 15, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Nov. 15 to May 15, 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading room only), 2 to 6 P.M.	31
Mrs. Frank Cossaboam, . .	- - -	32
Florence Ethel Wheeler, . .	Every day in the week, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	33
I. H. Taylor, ...	Tue., 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Fri., 3 to 5.30 P.M.	34
Mrs. Etta Ball, ...	- - -	35
Mrs. F. N. Bourne, . . .	- - -	36
Mrs. E. A. Bedurtha, . . .	Wed., 6 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	37

[2] Three delivery stations.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1919.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Lexington,	4,918	$7,257,810	Cary Memorial Library,
2	*East Lexington*,	–	–	*East Lexington Branch*,
3	Leyden,	363	165,560	Leyden Free Public Library,
4	Lincoln,	1,175	3,040,251	Lincoln Public Library,[1]
5	Littleton,	1,229	1,072,355	Reuben Hoar Library,
6	Longmeadow,	1,064	1,330,470	Richard Salter Storrs Library,
7	LOWELL,	106,294	78,915,302	City Library of Lowell,
8	Ludlow,	4,948	3,972,379	Hubbard Memorial Library,
9	Lunenburg,	1,393	1,102,655	Lunenburg Public Library,
10	LYNN,	89,336	70,076,492	Lynn Free Public Library,
11	Lynnfield,	911	782,096	Lynnfield Public Library,
12	*Broadway*,	–	–	*Broadway Branch*,
13	MALDEN,	44,404	41,189,680	Malden Public Library,[2]
14	Manchester,	2,673	13,239,933	Manchester Public Library,
15	Mansfield,	5,183	3,950,667	Mansfield Public Library,
16	Marblehead,	7,338	7,753,840	Abbot Public Library,
17	Marion,	1,460	4,408,620	Marion Library Association,
18	MARLBOROUGH,	14,909	10,320,913	Marlborough Public Library,
19	Marshfield,	1,738	1,918,000	Ventress Free Library,[2]
20	*Marshfield Hills*,	–	–	*Clift Rodgers Free Library*,
21	Mashpee,	270	219,710	Mashpee Free Public Library,
22	*South Mashpee*,	–	–	*South Mashpee Branch*,
23	Mattapoisett,	1,233	1,661,345	Mattapoisett Free Public Library,[1]
24	Maynard,	6,390	3,870,715	Maynard Public Library,
25	Medfield,	3,466	1,596,504	Medfield Public Library,
26	MEDFORD,	23,150	23,145,500	Medford Public Library,[3]
27	Medway, *West*,	2,696	1,447,985	Medway Free Public Library,
28	*Medway Village*,	–	–	*Dean Library*,
29	MELROSE,	15,715	16,149,825	Melrose Public Library,
30	Mendon,	880	728,690	Taft Public Library,[1]
31	Merrimac,	2,202	1,246,700	Merrimac Public Library,
32	Methuen,	11,448	6,133,295	Nevins Memorial Library,
33	Middleborough,	8,214	4,714,868	Middleborough Public Library,
34	Middlefield,	354	186,809	Middlefield Public Library,
35	Middleton,	1,129	791,271	Flint Public Library,

[1] One delivery station. [2] Seven delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Marian P. Kirkland,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.).	1
Emma Ostrom Nichols,	- - -	2
Mrs. Helen Hooper,	Sat., 4 to 8 P.M.	3
Lydia J. Chapin,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	4
Mrs. Adelia M. Parker,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	5
Mrs. Katharine C. Gates,	Sat., 1 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	6
Frederick A. Chase,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 9 P.M. Reading room, Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	7
Edith H. Crowninshield,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Mon., 3 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	8
L. Frances Jones,	Mon., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	9
Harriet Louise Matthews,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading rooms), Oct. 1 to May 31, 2 to 6 P.M.	10
Elizabeth W. Green,	Wed., 2.30 to 5.30, 6 to 8 P.M.	11
Mrs. Cora Pike,	- - -	12
Lizzie Annie Williams,	Mon., 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading rooms and art galleries), 1 to 9 P.M.	13
Dulcena Lothrop Bingham,	May 1 to Nov. 1, daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; except Sun. and Mon., 9 to 10.30 A.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Nov. 1 to May 1, Mon., Wed., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	14
Ida Frances Hodges,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	15
Mrs. Sarah E. Gregory,	Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	16
Alice Austin Ryder,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 9 P.M.	17
Sarah E. Cotting,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; 1 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	18
Josephine A. Baker,	Tue., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; 2 to 5 P.M.	19
Eva Lockhart,	Wed., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	20
Clara N. Collins,	- - -	21
Mrs. Adeline Mills,	- - -	22
Clara F. Sherman,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat. also, 2 to 4 P.M.	23
Mrs. Sarah Frances Nyman,	Wed., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 9 P.M.	24
Lucretia M. Johnson,	Tue. and Sat.	25
Abby L. Sargent,	Mon., Tue., Wed., 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Thu., Fri., Sat., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. June 15 to Sept. 15, library is closed every eve. except Sat.	26
Mrs. Anna Fales,	Wed., 6.45 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 3.30 to 5.30, 6.45 to 8.30 P.M.	27
Bertha C. Hunt,	Wed., 2.30 to 3.30 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 3.30, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	28
Carrie Mowatt Worthen,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	29
Mrs. Lena Williams George,	Fri., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	30
Louise C. Brackett,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	31
Harriet L. Crosby,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	32
Alice Morton Alden,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading rooms), 2 to 7 P.M.	33
Kate W. Smith,	Sun., 12 M. to 1.30 P.M.; Wed., Sat. (in July and Aug.), 3 to 5 P.M.[4]	34
Lillian P. Fletcher,	Tue., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., Fri. (in July and Aug.), 7 to 9 P.M.	35

[3] Eleven delivery stations.
[4] Library is opened at any time for any one wishing to draw books.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Milford,	13,055	$8,713,112	Milford Town Library,
2	Millbury,	4,740	2,293,295	Millbury Town Library,
3	Millis,	1,399	995,070	Millis Public Library,
4	Milton,	7,924	24,641,225	Milton Public Library,
5	*East Milton,*	–	–	*East Milton Reading Room,*
6	*Mattapan,*	–	–	*Mattapan Reading Room,*
7	*Russell,*	–	–	*Russell Reading Room,*
8	Monroe,	246	168,586	Monroe Free Public Library,
9	*Monroe Bridge,*	–	–	*Monroe Bridge Branch,*
10	Monson,	4,758	1,821,143	Monson Free Library,
11	Montague,	6,866	4,233,469	Montague Public Library,
12	*Miller's Falls,*	–	–	*Miller's Falls Branch,*
13	*Turner's Falls,*	–	–	*Carnegie Public Library,*
14	Monterey,	388	311,948	Monterey Free Library,
15	Montgomery,	217	170,758	Montgomery Free Public Library,
16	Mount Washington,	110	93,236	Mount Washington Free Library,
17	Nahant,	1,184	6,128,760	Nahant Public Library,
18	Nantucket,	2,962	3,367,950	Nantucket Athenæum,
19	Natick,	9,866	7,833,700	Morse Institute Library,
20	*South Natick,*	–	–	*Bacon Free Library,*
21	Needham,	6,026	5,806,960	Needham Free Public Library,[1]
22	*Needham Heights,*	–	–	*Needham Heights Branch,*
23	New Ashford,	92	50,850	New Ashford Public Library,
24	New Bedford,	96,652	77,796,381	Free Public Library of New Bedford,[2]
25	*North District,*	–	–	*North Branch,*
26	*South District,*	–	–	*South Branch,*
27	*West District,*	–	–	*West Branch,*
28	New Braintree,	464	396,685	New Braintree Free Public Library,
29	Newburyport,	14,949	12,269,721	Newburyport Public Library,
30	*South Newburyport,*	–	–	*South End Reading Room,*
31	New Marlborough,	1,124	723,655	New Marlborough Free Library,
32	*Mill River,*	–	–	*Mill River Branch,*
33	*Clayton,*	–	–	*Clayton Branch,*
34	*Hartsville,*	–	–	*Hartsville Branch,*
35	*Southfield,*	–	–	*Southfield Branch,*
36	*Southfield,*	–	–	*Seymour Library Association,*

[1] One delivery station. [2] Three delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Nathaniel F. Blake,	Wed., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.	1
Carolyn C. Waters,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.; Wed., Fri., 3 to 5 P.M.	2
Laura M. Smith,	Wed., 3 to 5.30, 6 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5.30, 6 to 9 P.M.	3
Gertrude Emmons Forrest,	Wed., Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri. 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Sun. (Nov. to May), 12 M. to 5 P.M.	4
Josephine M. Babcock,	- - -	5
Agnes Lyall,	- - -	6
Jennie W. Kennedy,	- - -	7
Lillian Adelaide Gordon,	Daily at all hours.	8
Mrs. W. J. Ellis,	- - -	9
Nellie F. Squier,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 12 M.; 2 to 5, 6 to 8.30 P.M.	10
Kate A. Armstrong,	Mon., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M. Also Mon. noon hour for pupils from outside village.	11
Mrs. Lizzie Lawrence,	- - -	12
Louise S. Partenheimer,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.	13
Etta Bills,	Sat., 4 to 8 P. M.	14
Mrs. David L. Allyn,	All days and hours.	15
- -	June 1 to Oct. 1.	16
May W. Perkins,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.; 2 to 5 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Oct. 1 to June 1, daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	17
Clara Parker,	June 20 to Oct. 1, daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 9.30 P.M.; Oct. 1 to June 20, daily, except Sun. and Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	18
Mira Roselle Partridge,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading rooms), 2 to 6 P.M. nine months of the year.	19
Mrs. Adelaide Williams,	Mon., 2 to 5.30 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	20
Ella R. McDowell,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	21
Mrs. R. G. Bogart,	- - -	22
Mrs. William Baker,	Every morning and at other times when desired.	23
George H. Tripp,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 1 to 6 P.M.	24
William Brown,	- - -	25
Robert Allen,	- - -	26
Mary E. Brown,	- - -	27
Carrie Frances Bush,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	28
John D. Parsons,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.	29
Mrs. Sara A. H. Little,	Reading rooms daily, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; library, Mon., Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Wed., 2 to 6 P.M.[8]	30
Lura A. Doncaster; Grace Bradford,	One day each week, days differing in the several branches.	31
Wesley R. Fields,	One day each week, days differing in the several branches.	32
Mrs. Flora McIntyre,	One day each week, days differing in the several branches.	33
Julia Lawrence,	One day each week, days differing in the several branches.	34
Kate L. Baldwin,	One day each week, days differing in the several branches.	35
Kate L. Baldwin,	Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	36

[8] During June, July, Aug. and Sept., open only Sat. evenings.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	New Salem,	639	$360,740	New Salem Free Public Library,
2	*North New Salem,*	-	-	*North New Salem Branch,*
3	NEWTON,	39,806	70,796,890	Newton Free Library,[1]
4	*Auburndale,*	-	-	*Auburndale Branch,*
5	*Newton Center,*	-	-	*Newton Center Branch,*
6	*Newton Upper Falls,*	-	-	*Newton Upper Falls Branch,*
7	*West Newton,*	-	-	*West Newton Branch,*
8	*Nonantum,*	-	-	*Nonantum Branch,*
9	*Newtonville,*	-	-	*Newtonville Branch,*
10	*Newton Highlands,*	-	-	*Newton Highlands Branch,*
11	Norfolk,	960	829,494	Norfolk Public Library,
12	NORTH ADAMS,	22,019	16,207,762	North Adams Public Library,
13	*Blackinton,*	-	-	*Oscar A. Archer Branch,*
14	*Braytonville,*	-	-	*Braytonville Branch,*
15	*Houghtonville,*	-	-	*Houghtonville Branch,*
16	*Beaver,*	-	-	*Beaver Branch,*
17	North Andover,	5,529	4,603,605	Stevens Memorial Library,
18	North Attleborough,	9,562	6,844,940	Richards Memorial Library,
19	North Brookfield,	3,075	1,617,985	North Brookfield Free Public Library and Reading room.
20	North Reading,	1,059	701,634	Flint Library,
21	NORTHAMPTON,	19,431	14,216,355	Northampton Public Library,
22	- - -	-	-	*Forbes Library,*
23	*Florence,*	-	-	*Lilly Library,*
24	Northborough,	1,713	1,355,811	Northborough Free Library,
25	Northbridge,	8,807	4,360,943	Whitinsville Social Library,[1]
26	Northfield,	1,642	1,353,313	Dickinson Memorial Library,
27	Norton,	2,544	1,203,625	Norton Public Library,[2]
28	Norwell,	1,410	919,947	James Library,
29	Norwood,	8,014	13,799,065	Morrill Memorial Library,
30	Oak Bluffs,	1,084	1,835,700	Oak Bluffs Free Public Library,
31	Oakham,	552	379,992	Oakham Free Public Library,
32	Orange,	5,282	3,612,985	Orange Public Library,
33	*North Orange,*	-	-	*North Orange Branch,*
34	Orleans,	1,077	631,330	Snow Library,
35	Otis,	494	279,177	Otis Free Public Library,
36	Oxford,	3,361	1,938,120	Oxford Free Public Library,
37	*North Oxford,*	-	-	*North Oxford Branch,*

[1] Four delivery stations. [2] One delivery station.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Lillian Rush,	Sat., 2.30 to 5 P.M.	1
Mrs. E. D. Andrews,	- - -	2
Elizabeth P. Thurston,	Daily, except Sun., 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.).	3
Annie E. Bunker,	- - -	4
Julia C. Henshaw,	- - -	5
Louise M. Taylor,	- - -	6
Helen Wheeler,	- - -	7
Katharine A. Hodgdon,	- - -	8
Carrie L. Williams,	- - -	9
Mabel A. Singleton,	- - -	10
Walter L. Sykes,	Fri., 6 to 8 P.M.; Wed. (Oct. to July), 3.15 to 4.15 P.M.	11
Mabel Temple,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. and holidays (reading room only), 2 to 6 P.M.	12
Bessie Eadie,	- - -	13
Mrs. Ella I. Lillie,	- - -	14
Janet M. Henderson,	- - -	15
Mrs. E. H. Walsh,	- - -	16
Elizabeth Maltby Pond,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	17
Ada Maria Perry,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	18
Nellie L. Smith,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M. Four eves. each week, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	19
Addie W. Gowing,	Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	20
Sarah D. Kellogg,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.).	21
William Parker Cutter,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.	22
Matilda P. Schwarz,	Daily, 2 to 9 P.M.	23
Mary Evelyn Potter,	Mon., Wed., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	24
Mrs. William H. Fuller,	Mon., 3 to 8 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 6.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	25
Mrs. Clarence A. Randall,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	26
Emily A. Titus,	Mon., 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	27
Joseph F. Merritt,	- - -	28
Jane Atherton Hewett,	Daily, except Sun., 1 to 9 P.M.	29
Mae C. Gorham,	July and Aug., daily, except Sun.; rest of year, Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	30
Frank E. Davis,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	31
N. Gertrude Hendrickson,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 8 P.M.	32
Mrs. Sara E. Rich,	- - -	33
Hiram Myers,	Wed., Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	34
Mrs. Gertie Colton,	In summer, Wed., Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.; in winter, Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	35
Mrs. Clara A. Fuller,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M. Dec. to Apr., Sun. aft.	36
Nellie M. Tolman,	- - -	37

[3] Two delivery stations.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Palmer,	8,610	$4,177,916	Young Men's Library Association,
2	Paxton,	416	332,965	Paxton Free Public Library,
3	Peabody,	15,721	10,391,814	Peabody Institute Library,
4	*Peabody*,	–	–	*Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library*,
5	Pelham,	467	279,983	Pelham Free Public Library,[1]
6	Pembroke,	1,336	942,255	Pembroke Free Library,
7	*Bryantville*,	–	–	*Cobb Library*,
8	Pepperell,	2,593	2,253,058	Lawrence Library,
9	Peru,	237	140,863	Free Public Library of Peru,
10	Petersham,	757	902,181	Petersham Memorial Library,
11	Phillipston,	426	283,860	Phillips Free Public Library,
12	Pittsfield,	32,121	23,271,489	Berkshire Athenæum,
13	Plainfield,	406	175,624	Plainfield Public Library,
14	Plainville,	1,385	794,632	Plainville Public Library,
15	Plymouth,	12,141	10,865,247	Plymouth Public Library,
16	*North Plymouth*,	–	–	*Loring Reading Room*,
17	Plympton,	561	375,762	Plympton Free Public Library,
18	Prescott,	320	187,599	Prescott Free Public Library,
19	*East District*,	–	–	*East Branch*,
20	*South District*,	–	–	*South Branch*,
21	Princeton,	818	1,097,179	Princeton Public Library,
22	Provincetown,	4,369	2,047,412	Provincetown Public Library,
23	Quincy,	32,642	29,811,565	Thomas Crane Public Library,
24	*West Quincy*,	–	–	*West Quincy Reading Room*,
25	Randolph,	4,301	2,066,200	Turner Free Library,
26	Raynham,	1,725	768,664	Raynham Public Library,
27	Reading,	5,818	5,454,429	Reading Public Library,
28	Rehoboth,	2,001	877,825	Blanding Library,
29	Revere,	18,219	15,683,550	Revere Public Library,[2]
30	Richmond,	650	367,994	Richmond Free Public Library,
31	*Northeast District*,	–	–	*Northeast Branch*,
32	Rochester,	1,090	643,366	Rochester Free Public Library,
33	*North Rochester*,	–	–	*North Rochester Branch*,
34	Rockland,	6,928	3,972,659	Rockland Memorial Library,
35	Rockport,	4,211	3,272,985	Rockport Public Library,
36	*Pigeon Cove*,	–	–	*Pigeon Cove Library*,

[1] Two delivery stations.

[2] Children's room, 11.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.; 3.30 to 6 P.M. during school months. Hours at branch 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M. (Fri., to 6.30 P.M.).

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Lee T. Gray,	- - -	1
Rena Robinson,	Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	2
Lyman P. Osborn,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.); Sun. (reading room only), 1 to 6 P.M.	3
Frances M. Carroll,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed., 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	4
Mary A. Keith,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	5
Florence B. Cox,	Tue., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 8 P.M.	6
Mrs. Julia W. Morton,	Tue., Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	7
Mrs. Mary Frances Shattuck,	Mon., Wed., Thu., Sat., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	8
Mrs. Josephine J. D. Barden,	Sun., 12 M. to 2 P.M.; week days when desired.	9
Fannie Gordon Prince,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8 P.M., June 1 to Oct. 1; Wed. and Sat. only, rest of year.	10
Mrs. Flora V. Danforth,	Sat., 1.30 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	11
Harlan Hoge Ballard,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.).	12
Martha E. Smith,	Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	13
James H. Shannon,	- - -	14
Nellie Thomas,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.	15
Maud Brown Colcord,	Daily, except Sun., 12 M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. and holidays, 2 to 9 P.M.	16
John Sherman,	Sat., 2.30 to 8.30 P.M.	17
Mrs. Frank A. Griswold,	Sat., 1 to 4 P.M. Also on town meeting and State election days.	18
Mrs. L. Flora Brown,	- - -	19
Eva L. Wendemuth,	- - -	20
Susan A. Davis,	Oct. 1 to June 15, Tue., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M. June 15 to Oct. 1, Tue., 3 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; July 1 to Sept. 15, Thu., 3 to 6 P.M.	21
Abbie Cook Putnam,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	22
Alice Grace White,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. In summer closes at 6 P.M. Sat., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. [2]	23
Belinda E. Wainwright,	- - -	24
Charles Chittenden Farnham,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	25
Lucy W. Thompson,	Sat., 2.30 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	26
Bertha L. Brown,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	27
Mrs. C. W. Earle,	Sat., 1 to 4 P.M.	28
Harriet T. Fenno,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	29
Mrs. Frank Barnes,	Daily, except Sun. aft.	30
Eleanor Stevens,	- - -	31
Mrs. Anne T. Wilbur,	Sat., 3 to 8 P.M.	32
Rev. J. W. Childs,	- - -	33
Angela W. Collins,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	34
Mabel L. Woodfall,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	35
Martha D. Fretch,	- - -	36

[2] Four delivery stations.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Rowe,	456	$195,089	Rowe Town Library,
2	Rowley,	1,268	747,357	Rowley Free Public Library,
3	Royalston,	793	570,465	Royalston Public Library,[1]
4	Russell,	965	736,428	Russell Public Library,
5	*Woronoco,*	–	–	*Woronoco Branch,*
6	*Russell Mountain,*	–	–	*Russell Mountain Branch,*
7	Rutland,	1,743	721,176	Rutland Free Public Library,
8	Salem,	43,697	32,909,600	Salem Public Library,[2]
9	Salisbury,	1,658	891,360	Salisbury Public Library,
10	Sandisfield,	566	345,255	Sandisfield Public Library,
11	Sandwich,	1,688	1,013,225	Sandwich Free Public Library,
12	*East Sandwich,*	–	–	*East Sandwich Branch,*
13	Saugus,	8,047	5,206,273	Saugus Free Public Library,
14	Savoy,	503	189,984	Savoy Free Public Library,
15	Scituate,	2,482	4,475,660	Satuit Library,
16	*North Scituate,*	–	–	*Peirce Memorial Library,*
17	Seekonk,	2,397	1,294,340	Seekonk Public Library,
18	Sharon,	2,310	2,763,782	Sharon Public Library,
19	Sheffield,	1,817	954,205	Sheffield Free Town Library,
20	Shelburne,	1,498	1,275,847	Shelburne Public Library,
21	*Shelburne Falls,*	–	–	*Arms Public Library,*
22	Sherborn,	1,428	1,480,601	Sherborn Town Library,
23	Shirley,	2,139	1,084,219	Shirley Public Library,[2]
24	Shrewsbury,	1,946	1,632,669	Shrewsbury Free Public Library,
25	Shutesbury,	267	258,929	M. N. Spear Memorial Library,
26	Somerset,	2,798	1,390,345	Somerset Free Public Library,[1]
27	Somerville,	77,236	63,658,953	Somerville Public Library,[2]
28	*West Somerville,*	–	–	*West Somerville Branch,*
29	South Hadley,	4,884	2,790,011	Gaylord Memorial Library,
30	*South Hadley Falls,*	–	–	*South Hadley Free Public Library,*
31	Southampton,	870	496,966	Southampton Public Library,[4]
32	Southborough,	1,745	1,833,898	Fay Library,
33	Southbridge,	12,592	5,698,528	Southbridge Public Library,
34	Southwick,	1,020	690,830	Southwick Public Library,
35	Spencer,	6,740	3,541,040	Richard Sugden Public Library,
36	Springfield,	88,926	107,875,780	City Library Association of Springfield.
37	*Indian Orchard,*	–	–	*Indian Orchard Branch,*
38	*Forest Park,*	–	–	*Forest Park Branch,*

[1] One delivery station. [2] Three delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Mrs. Alice E. Newell,	June 1 to Oct. 1, Wed. aft., Sat. aft. and eve.; Oct. 1 to June 1, daily, except Sun.	1
James M. Perley,	Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	2
Mrs. Emeline E. Mackenzie,	Sat., 3.30 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.	3
Mrs. Minnie G. White,	Wed., 3 to 4.30, 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	4
Louise Weatherwax,	- - -	5
Mrs. C. J. Thompson,	- - -	6
Mrs. Martha L. Prouty,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	7
Gardner Maynard Jones,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.); Sun (reading room only), 2 to 8 P.M.	8
Alice R. Currier,	- - -	9
M. L. Wohlgemuth,	Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	10
Annie Adele Rogers,	Wed., Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M. Nov. 1 to Apr. 1, Mon., 7 to 9 P.M.	11
Mrs. Abbie M. Holway,	- - -	12
Emma Elizabeth Newhall,	Mon., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.	13
Three trustees,	Every day and evening.	14
Edith A. Manson,	- - -	15
Mrs. Mary L. Lee,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	16
Edna Lane Paull,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	17
Isadora B. Paine,	Tue., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	18
Mrs. Gertrude Suydam Gleason,	In winter, Sat. aft.; in summer, Wed. and Sat. aft.	19
Mercy A. Anderson,	Thu., Sat., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.	20
Charles P. Hall,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	21
M. Nellie Clark,	Wed., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	22
Mrs. Alice Livermore Wright,	Wed., 3 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 7 P.M.	23
Mabel E. Knowlton,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	24
Mary L. Clark,	Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	25
Ruth Marble,	- - -	26
Sam Walter Foss,	Daily, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	27
Alice W. Sears,	- - -	28
Rebecca Frances Smith,	Tue., Fri., 2 to 8 P.M.	29
Lottie Ingraham Judd,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	30
Eva M. Gridley,	Sat., 2.30 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	31
Francena E. Buck,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 6 to 8 P.M.	32
Ella E. Miersch,	Daily, 10 A.M. to 12 M.; 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	33
Wilder Bennett Harding,	Wed., 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	34
Alice Wakefield Curtis,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	35
Hiller Crowell Wellman,	Daily, except Sun., 8.30 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 1 to 6 P.M. (reading room, 1 to 10 P.M.).	36
Nellie E. Dodge,	- - -	37
James A. Lowell,	- - -	38

[3] Two delivery stations. [4] Five delivery stations.

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	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Sterling,	1,359	$1,132,600	Sterling Free Public Library,
2	Stockbridge,	1,933	4,212,891	Stockbridge Library Association,
3	*Glendale,*	–	–	*Glendale Branch,*
4	Stoneham,	7,090	5,052,490	Stoneham Public Library,
5	Stoughton,	6,316	3,497,837	Stoughton Public Library,
6	Stow,	1,115	938,473	Randall Memorial Library,
7	Sturbridge,	1,957	1,066,625	Joshua Hyde Public Library,[1]
8	Sudbury,	1,120	1,254,980	Goodnow Library,
9	Sunderland,	1,047	494,521	Sunderland Public Library,
10	Sutton,	3,078	1,290,855	Sutton Free Library,
11	*Manchaug,*	–	–	*Manchaug Branch,*
12	*South Sutton,*	–	–	*South Sutton Branch,*
13	*West Sutton,*	–	–	*West Sutton Branch,*
14	*Wilkinsonville,*	–	–	*Wilkinsonville Branch,*
15	Swampscott,	6,204	10,125,926	Swampscott Free Public Library,
16	Swansea,	1,978	1,551,074	Swansea Free Public Library,[2]
17	TAUNTON,	34,259	22,699,904	Taunton Public Library,[3]
18	Templeton,	3,756	1,586,524	Boynton Public Library,[1]
19	*Baldwinsville,*	–	–	*Baldwinsville Branch,*
20	*East Templeton,*	–	–	*East Templeton Branch,*
21	Tewksbury,	3,750	1,270,960	Tewksbury Public Library,
22	*North Tewksbury,*	–	–	*North Branch,*
23	*South Tewksbury,*	–	–	*South Branch,*
24	*Northwest Tewksbury,*	–	–	*Northwest Branch,*
25	*Wamesit,*	–	–	*Wamesit Branch,*
26	Tisbury,	1,196	1,463,377	Vineyard Haven Public Library,
27	Tolland,	180	201,138	Tolland Free Public Library,
28	Topsfield,	1,174	1,270,217	Topsfield Town Library,
29	Townsend,	1,761	1,174,800	Townsend Public Library,[1]
30	*West Townsend,*	–	–	*West Townsend Reading Room,*
31	Truro,	655	372,655	Truro Town Library,
32	*North Truro,*	–	–	*North Truro Branch,*
33	*South Truro,*	–	–	*South Truro Branch,*
34	Tyngsborough,	829	558,813	Littlefield Library,[1]
35	Tyringham,	382	267,089	Tyringham Public Library,
36	Upton,	2,071	1,110,924	Upton Town Library,
37	Uxbridge,	4,671	2,850,585	Uxbridge Free Public Library,[1]

[1] One delivery station. [2] Three delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Pearl L. Heywood,	Wed., Sat., 1 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	1
Caroline P. Wells,	Daily, except Sun., 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.; 7 to 9 P.M.	2
Mrs. Bessie A. Warner,	- - -	3
Mrs. H. Marilla Boyce,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	4
M. Alice Burnham,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	5
Mrs. Susan M. Lawrence,	Wed., 1 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	6
Susan L. Haynes,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 6 to 9 P.M.	7
Mrs. Alice E. Rice,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	8
Abbie T. Montague,	Mon., Fri., 3 to 4, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; also 12 M. to 1 P.M. when schools are in session on those days.	9
Sarah M. Mills,	Sat. aft. and eve. Other days when desired.	10
Benjamin Townley,	- - -	11
Mrs. Mary Littlefield,	- - -	12
Mrs. George Freeland,	- - -	13
Arthur Merrill,	- - -	14
Sarah Louise Honors,	Wed., 4 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	15
Julia R. Wellington,	Wed., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	16
Joshua Eddy Crane,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. (reading room), 1 to 6 P.M.	17
Grace E. Blodgett,	Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M. July 1 to Oct. 1, Mon., 2 to 5 P.M.	18
Dr. C. A. Fletcher,	- - -	19
C. B. Robbins,	- - -	20
Abbie M. Blaisdell,	Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	21
Rev. H. H. Bishop,	- - -	22
Mrs. M. E. Bridges,	- -	23
Albert J. Trull,	- - -	24
Mrs. S. J. Blaisdell,	- - -	25
Mabel T. Tilton,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	26
Wilbert Munn,	Every day.	27
Annie Perkins Gleason,	Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	28
Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren,	Mon., 7 to 9 P.M.; Tue., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	29
A. V. Seaver,	Sat., 1.30 to 6, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.	30
Mrs. Laurena A. Ryder,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	31
Blanche V. Small,	- - -	32
Allison B. Cobb,	- - -	33
Ellen Lydia Perham,	Wed., 12 M. to 1 P.M.; Sat. 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	34
Lucy M. Beach,	Fri., 3 to 5 P.M. June 1 to Oct. 1., Tue., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	35
Mrs. Laura Copeland Sadler,	Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 4 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	36
Beatrice Putnam,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.) Closed two weeks in summer.	37

[3] One branch reading room.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	Wakefield,	11,404	$9,089,098	Beebe Town Library,
2	*Greenwood*,	–	–	*Greenwood Branch*,
3	Wales,	345	285,712	Wales Public Library,
4	Walpole,	4,892	4,375,630	Walpole Public Library,[1]
5	*East Walpole*,	–	–	*East Walpole Branch*,
6	WALTHAM,	27,834	25,424,620	Waltham Public Library,
7	Ware,	8,774	4,688,771	Young Men's Library Association,
8	Wareham,	4,102	4,711,228	Wareham Free Library,[1]
9	Warren,	4,188	1,923,967	Warren Public Library,
10	Warwick,	477	428,481	Warwick Free Library,
11	Washington,	277	282,585	Washington Public Library,
12	Watertown,	12,875	14,157,041	Free Public Library,[3]
13	Wayland,	6,206	2,349,414	Wayland Free Public Library,
14	*Cochituate*,	–	–	*Cochituate Branch*,
15	Webster,	11,509	7,407,290	Webster Free Public Library,[1]
16	Wellesley,	5,413	13,967,085	Wellesley Free Library,[3]
17	Wellfleet,	1,022	1,239,400	Wellfleet Public Library,
18	*South Wellfleet*,	–	–	*South Wellfleet Branch*,
19	Wendell,	502	263,805	Wendell Free Library,
20	*Farley*,	–	–	*Farley Branch*,
21	Wenham,	1,010	2,517,600	Wenham Public Library,[2]
22	Westborough,	5,446	3,265,159	Westborough Public Library,
23	West Boylston,	1,270	779,713	West Boylston Public Library,
24	West Bridgewater,	2,231	1,271,348	West Bridgewater Public Library,
25	West Brookfield,	1,327	912,334	Merriam Public Library,
26	Westfield,	16,044	9,227,723	Westfield Athenæum,[2]
27	Westford,	2,851	1,833,214	J. V. Fletcher Library,[3]
28	Westhampton,	423	235,895	Westhampton Reunion Town Library.
29	Westminster,	1,353	785,235	Forbush Memorial Library,
30	West Newbury,	1,473	1,077,422	West Newbury Public Library,[1]
31	*First Parish*,	–	–	*First Parish Branch*,
32	Westport,	2,928	1,739,800	Westport Free Public Library,
33	*Head of Westport*,	–	–	*Westport Public Library*,
34	*Horseneck*,	–	–	*Horseneck Branch*,
35	*Westport Point*,	–	–	*Westport Point Library*,

[1] One delivery station. [2] Two delivery stations. [3] Three delivery stations.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
H. Gertrude Lee,	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., 2 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	1
Isabelle F. Studley,	– – –	2
Leon Herbert Thompson,	Wed., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	3
Ida J. Phelps,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	4
Alice M. Wheeler,	Tue., Fri., 4 to 6 P.M.	5
Orlando Chester Davis,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	6
Almeda Burnett Robbins,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M. Reading room daily, 7 to 9 P.M.	7
Alexina P. Burgess,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	8
Joseph Gilbert Hastings,	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	9
Clara A. Jones,	Wed., 2 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	10
Teachers, temporarily,	– – –	11
Solon Franklin Whitney,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.; Sun. (from Nov. 1 to May 1), 4 to 8 P.M.	12
Margaret E. Wheeler,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	13
Mrs. Grace Loker,	In summer, Wed. and Sat. aft. and eve., Thu. eve.; in winter, Wed., and Sat. aft., every eve.	14
Mrs. Phœbe Palmer Kingsbury,	Every week day.	15
Anna Ware Barker,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M., Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	16
Mrs. Kate E. Brown,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	17
Nettie S. Paine,	– – –	18
Marion E. Whitney,	May to Oct., Sat., 1.30 to 5 P.M.; Oct. to May, Sat., 1 to 4.30 P.M.	19
Mrs. Arthur Baker,	– – –	20
Benjamin H. Conant,	Mon., 3 to 5, 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 3 to 5 P.M.	21
Mrs. Nellie F. Smith,	Sept. to June, daily, except Sun., 1 to 8.30 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.). July and Aug., daily, except Sun. and Wed., 1 to 6 P.M.; Sun., 3 to 5 P.M., except July, Aug. and Sept.	22
Annie Mabel Waite,	Tue., 2 to 5, 7.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.[4]	23
Mrs. Hattie E. Cary,	Wed., 1 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 8 P.M.	24
Mary P. Foster,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.; Tue., Thu., 1 to 6.30 P.M.	25
George L. Lewis,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.); Sun., (reading room), 2 to 6 P.M.	26
Mary P. Bunce,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 1.30 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12.30 to 1.30 P.M.	27
George E. Knight,	Thu., 6.30 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 1 P.M.	28
Sadie F. Greene,	Wed., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	29
Caroline Carr,	Tue., 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 7 to 9 P.M.	30
Mrs. Isabel E. Kennett,	– – –	31
Mrs. Lysander Howland,	– – –	32
Edward W. Burt, M.D.,	Thu., 4 to 6 P.M.	33
Mrs. Ephraim Tripp,	From May to Oct.	34
Mary Casilda Cory,	Daily, except Sun., Sept. to June, 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.; June to Sept., 10.30 A.M. to 1 P.M.; 4 to 5 P.M.	35

[4] On Tue. when schools are in session, library opens from 12 M. to 1 P.M., to accommodate pupils.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1909.	Name of Library.
1	West Springfield,	9,224	$6,865,278	West Springfield Public Library,
2	West Stockbridge,	1,271	423,771	West Stockbridge Free Library,
3	*West Stockbridge Center,*	–	–	*Center Branch,*
4	West Tisbury,	437	542,562	West Tisbury Free Public Library,
5	Weston,	2,106	6,832,756	Weston Public Library,
6	Westwood,	1,266	2,595,663	Westwood Public Library,
7	*Islington,*	–	–	*Islington Branch,*
8	Weymouth,	12,895	7,992,968	Tufts Library,[1]
9	*South Weymouth,*	–	–	*Fogg Library,*
10	Whately,	846	456,631	Whately Public Library,
11	Whitman,	7,292	4,873,348	Whitman Public Library,
12	Wilbraham,	2,332	1,094,875	Free Public Library,[2]
13	Williamsburg,	2,132	982,798	Meekins Memorial Library,
14	*Haydenville,*	–	–	*Haydenville Public Library,*
15	Williamstown,	3,078	3,549,953	Williamstown Public Library,
16	*South Williamstown,*	–	–	*South Williamstown Public Library,*
17	Wilmington,	1,858	1,389,776	Wilmington Public Library,
18	Winchendon,	5,678	4,111,250	Winchendon Public Library,
19	Winchester,	9,309	12,471,725	Winchester Public Library,
20	Windsor,	404	277,760	Windsor Free Public Library,
21	*Windsor Bush,*	–	–	*Windsor Bush Branch,*
22	*East Windsor,*	–	–	*East Windsor Branch,*
23	Winthrop,	10,132	11,993,600	Winthrop Public Library,[3]
24	WOBURN,	15,308	11,196,722	Woburn Public Library,
25	*North Woburn,*	–	–	*Eunice Thompson Memorial Library,*
26	WORCESTER,	145,986	133,384,202	Free Public Library of the City of Worcester.[4]
27	Worthington,	569	352,878	Worthington Free Library,[2]
28	Wrentham,	1,743	1,201,202	Fiske Public Library,[3]
29	Yarmouth,	1,420	2,086,849	Yarmouth Library Association,
30	*South Yarmouth,*	–	–	*Free Social Library,*
31	*West Yarmouth,*	–	–	*West Yarmouth Library,*

[1] Seven delivery stations. [2] Two delivery stations. [3] One delivery station.

AND LIBRARIANS — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open.	
Daniel G. White,	Mon., Fri., 4 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 4 to 6 P.M.	1
Frances J. Edwards,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	2
Grange members,	- - -	3
Mrs. Johnson Whiting,	Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	4
Maude M. Pennock,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.; Tue., Thu., 2 to 5 P.M.	5
Annie L. Richardson,	Wed., 3.30 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 5.30 to 8.30 P.M.	6
Alice Wentworth,	- - -	7
Abbie Louisa Loud,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 2 to 8 P.M.; Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	8
Ruth N. Tower,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 6.45 to 8 P.M.	9
Arlene Isabelle Roote,	Sat., 3.30 to 8.30 P.M.	10
Ellena Salisbury Spilsted,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat., 2.30 to 9 P.M.	11
Eunice M. Bates,	Wed., 12 M. to 5 P.M., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 8 to 11 A.M., 12 M. to 5 P.M.; 6 to 9 P.M.	12
Myra A. Hill,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 2 to 6 P.M.	13
Thomas H. Ives,	Fri., 7 to 10 P.M.	14
Lucy F. Curtis,	Daily, except Sun. and Mon., 2 to 8 P.M.	15
Mrs. Lucy Torrey Sanford,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5 P.M.	16
Anna Tolman Sheldon,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	17
Mrs. Sylvia M. Manzer,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	18
Cora Ardelle Quimby,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8.30 P.M.	19
Laura A. Miner,	No special hours.	20
Mrs. Hubbard,	- - -	21
Mr. Beals,	- - -	22
Alice A. Munday,	Daily, except Sun., 1.30 to 9 P.M.	23
George Hill Evans,	Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Tue., Thu., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	24
Mrs. Mary Walker Carter,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	25
Robert Kendall Shaw,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Sat., to 9 P.M.).[5]	26
Arthur G. Capen,	Sat. (May to Oct.), 4 to 6 P.M.; (Oct. to May, 2 to 4 P.M.); 2d and 4th Tue. each month, 7 to 8 P.M.	27
Mary Adelaide Smith,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 5.45 to 8 P.M.	28
Mrs. Lydia C. Matthews,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	29
Ruth Bray,	Wed., Sat., one hour each.	30
Mrs. Maria Taylor,	July and Aug., Mon., Thu., 3 to 4 P.M.; other months, Thu. only.	31

[4] Nine delivery stations.

[5] Children's and reference departments and reading room also open Sundays and holidays.

Appendix IV

ADVISORY VISITORS, 1910–11

Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz,	Yarmouthport.
Miss May Ashley,	Greenfield.
Mrs. Francis C. Barlow,	Lenox.
Miss Alice G. Chandler,	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. Cole,	Wenham.
Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge,	Brookline-Manchester.
Mrs. W. Murray Crane,	Dalton.
Mrs. Zenas Crane,	Pittsfield-Dalton.
Mrs. Frederick Cunningham,	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss Julia Delano,	New Bedford.
Miss Nellie E. Dodge,	Springfield.
Miss Ida F. Farrar,	Springfield.
Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno,	Rowley-Boston.
Miss Marion H. Fenno,	Boston.
Miss Anna B. Jackson,	North Adams.
Miss Ada L. Joslin,	Oxford-Boston.
Miss Katharine P. Loring,	Prides Crossing.
Miss Lucy Lowell,	Boston.
Miss Madeline C. Mixter,	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss Mary Morison,	Boston.
Miss Mary L. Poland,	Springfield.
Miss Mary Rodman,	Concord.
Mrs. Robert K. Shaw,	Worcester.
Miss Alice Shepard,	Springfield.
Miss Martha N. Soule,	Hyannis.
Miss Mary G. Stone,	Manchester.
Miss Mary Anna Tarbell,	Brimfield.
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore,	Hudson.

APPENDIX V

DIRECTIONS FOR THE LIBRARIAN OF A SMALL LIBRARY

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DIRECTIONS FOR THE LIBRARIAN OF A SMALL LIBRARY

Preface

These directions are not a manual for the organization of libraries by persons not experienced in library work, but are intended for use in libraries already organized; to help librarians and their successors to carry on consistently the system already established. This edition has been prepared especially for the use of the smaller libraries in Massachusetts. The first edition was printed by the New York State Education Department, and the Commission acknowledges the courtesy of the Department in allowing this reprint.

As methods must vary according to the size and character of a library, these directions should be annotated to suit the requirements of each case, and methods that are not used in a given library should be crossed off, to avoid confusing future librarians. The directions are intended primarily for librarians without training, who care for village libraries of only a few thousand — often of only a few hundred — volumes. Such librarians are usually residents of the place, who give a few hours a week to the work, often for a very small salary or none at all. It is hoped that these directions will not only be useful to them, but that they may enable their successors to carry on their work intelligently.

Any changes made in these rules from time to time, in a given library, should be indicated clearly in this book for the information of future librarians.

For fuller information, and rules of cataloguing, the following manuals may be consulted: —

Stearns, L. E. Essentials in library administration.

Hitchler, Theresa. Cataloguing for small libraries.

Both published by A. L. A. Publishing Board, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago. 15 cents each. A list of all the publications of this Board will be sent on application.

Plummer, M. W. Hints for small libraries. The author, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. 50 cents.

Dana, J. C. Library primer. Library Bureau, 43 Federal Street, Boston. $1.

A library periodical may be of great help to librarian and trustees. Some of the State library commissions publish periodicals, primarily for the smaller libraries of their own states, but containing much matter useful anywhere. Two of the larger periodicals of this sort are here noted: —

New York Libraries (quarterly). New York State Education Department, Educational Extension Division, Albany, N. Y. 25 cents a year.

Wisconsin Library Bulletin (bimonthly). Wisconsin Free Library Commission, Madison, Wis. 25 cents a year.

Libraries that can afford it may well subscribe to the monthly, "Public Libraries," published by the Library Bureau, 156 Wabash Avenue, Chicago. $2 a year.

Book Selection

In choosing books for purchase it is highly desirable to use the book lists prepared specially for librarians. As a rule, these should be used to supplement reviews found in magazines and newspapers, which, however informing, often express the judgment of one person only. These lists are certainly better guides than advertisements of publishers, who naturally do not mention the faults of their publications. The chance recommendation of an acquaintance, often made without real knowledge of the book, is also of uncertain value. Some aids to book selection are named below, with suggestions as to their use. There are many other valuable lists, but for the sake of brevity we mention here only those most commonly used. These lists are made by comparing the opinions and criticisms of several people on each book, and by reading the printed reviews of it.

A. L. A. Catalog. — List of 8,000 volumes, published in 1904, now for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., for $1. The first part is arranged by subject, and contains descriptive notes about the books, with symbols showing their general character. Read the explanation of these symbols on p. 48 of Part 1. This list may be used when the library wishes to buy more books of a given sort. For instance, if the library is weak in United States history, and has money to buy a few books, a choice may be made by reading the notes on the different books, pp. 353–365 of Part 1. Books published since 1904 may be found in other lists described later. The same method may be followed with other

classes, such as poetry, housekeeping, fiction, etc. To find the books on any subject, consult the subject index, pp. 373–403 of Part 1. The numbers given are the class numbers corresponding to the various subjects. The classes are arranged by these corresponding numbers, and the numbers are written at the beginning of each class. One may also find what number stands for a given class from the classification scheme, pp. 35–46 of Part 1. The "A. L. A. Catalog" may also be used to find a description of a book suggested for purchase, to see if it is desirable. To do this, look for the author or title of the book in Part 2, which is arranged alphabetically like a dictionary, and you will find its class number at the right. Then look for it under its class in Part 1, where there will usually be a descriptive note and a symbol showing its general character. The compilers of the "A. L. A. Catalog" meant to include most of the books then published that were desirable for a small library. A supplement, containing books published in 1904–09, is in preparation by the A. L. A. Publishing Board.

Annual and semi-annual lists. — For books published since 1904, the librarian may use the semi-annual list published by the Woman's Education Association, called "New Books recommended for Purchase;" and the annual list published by the New York State Library, called "Best Books."

"New books recommended for purchase." — This is published in April and November, and may be obtained of the secretary of the Woman's Education Association, Miss Alice G. Chandler, Lancaster, Mass. A copy is sent to each library in Massachusetts by the Free Public Library Commission. The list is chosen with care by a committee of the association, and brief descriptive notes are given. An issue usually contains about 125 titles. The lists should be preserved for reference. On the whole, books appear in this list sooner after publication than in the following list, "Best Books"; but the information is not so full.

"Best Books." — This list of 250 titles is published annually by the New York State Library, about midsummer, primarily to aid the smaller public libraries in selecting books published during the previous calendar year. Its price is 15 cents. The books are arranged by subject, and descriptive notes and references to reviews are provided. An attempt is made to indicate by marking *a, b* and *c* — those which might well be chosen first by a library with very limited funds. An index at the end makes it easy to find the description of any book.

Monthly list. — The "A. L. A. Booklist" is published ten times a year by the Publishing Board of the American Library Association. The Free Public Library Commission sends a copy to all the libraries of the State, except those in cities. It is specially useful for books published since the last number of "Best Books," *i.e.*, for all current publications. Full descriptions are given, and specially desirable books are marked with a ✠ . This list is a valuable help in buying current fiction, as it includes most novels worth considering, and indicates the good and bad points of each. An index is published at the end of the year, and should be kept with the set. A subject index for the first six volumes, 1905–10, is published at 40 cents.

These various lists will be most useful if kept together. A librarian wishing to choose a book on a given subject, or to find a description of a given book, could then consult first the "A. L. A. Catalog," as described above; then look for later information in the files of "New books recommended" and "Best Books," beginning with 1904; and last in the "A. L. A. Booklist." It is desirable to keep the back numbers of the "A. L. A. Booklist," as the file for a year includes many more books than are found in the annual and semi-annual lists.

Purchase of books not in selected lists. — In general, great caution should be used in buying books not found in these selected lists, or in book reviews in the best critical periodicals. Especially is it desirable to avoid buying subscription books from agents. It would almost be safe for a library to make it a rule never to buy subscription books. They are usually much more expensive than ordinary books, and, if worth buying at all, can be obtained sooner or later at a reduced price through the dealers in second-hand books. But they should not be bought without obtaining a disinterested opinion from a good authority as to their value.

Lists of children's books. — As the time during which a child cares for children's books is naturally limited, it is most desirable that during that time he should read the best children's books, rather than mediocre or poor ones. A number of good lists of children's books are now available. Only two are given here, but the commission will send a list of five on request.

Suggestive list of children's books. — This list was published for the League of Library Commissions by the Democrat Printing Company, Madison, Wis., at the price of 25 cents. The compiler is Helen Theresa Kennedy. It is one of the most useful and carefully

chosen lists. Books for first purchase are indicated by a star, and the school grades to which each book is suited are given. It includes 483 titles.

Class room libraries for public schools. — This list is published by the Public Library of Buffalo, N. Y., and may be obtained for 32 cents. It is arranged by grades, and the most valuable feature is the very full subject index, which is useful in work with schools.

Ordering Books

A duplicate copy of orders sent should be kept by the library, giving, when known, the list price and publisher. Libraries expect to receive at least 33⅓ per cent. discount on all except net books, and at least 10 per cent. discount within the first year after publication on books marked *net*. A convenient way to keep a list of books ordered is on slips of paper or the back of waste catalogue cards. One card may be used for each book and the list kept alphabetically by authors. When new books come they should be compared or checked up with the bill and with this order list, to see that all those ordered have been received and that the prices charged are right.

Leaves of new books should be cut. Publishers will replace imperfect copies whenever discovered.

When the book is checked with the bill, the cost may be written lightly in pencil in the book, without the dollar sign. This is useful in accessioning. The bills should be kept, chronologically arranged. A convenient way is to clip or paste them into a blank book.

Accessioning

The accession book is a list of all books in the order in which they were added to the library. The lines should be numbered down the left side of the page and an accession number given to each book. No two books ever have the same accession number. There should be ruled columns for the items mentioned below, and a column should be left for *Remarks*. After a book has been received and checked with the bill and order list, and examined for imperfections, it should be entered in the accession book and its accession number written in ink, or stamped, in the book. Give date of entry (or, better, date of bill); author's last name, with initials; brief title; volume number, when book is part of a set; source; and cost. By *source* we mean the dealer of whom the book is bought or the person who gives it. When the book is a

gift, write *G* or *Gift* in the cost column. Each volume of a set is given a separate line and number. Pamphlets are not entered in the accession book. Magazines are entered only when bound.

Some librarians do not use the accession book, but give details of cost, date when added, and source, on the shelflist card. If this is done the librarian should keep also a record of the number of books added, their cost, and the date. This may be kept by classes.

Pasting and Labeling

The following pasting may be necessary: —

Bookplate, giving name of library. — Place on the inside of the front cover. Rules should not be printed on the bookplate, as they may change. The rules of the library, if given in the book, may be printed on the book pocket or on the reader's card.

Labels. — These, if used, should be well moistened and rubbed hard to keep them from peeling off. They are less likely to do this if the place where the label is to go is brushed with strong ammonia. The shelves look better if all the labels are at a uniform height. A convenient measure is to make the distance from the bottom of the book to the top of the label half the length of a catalogue card, *i.e.*, about two and a half inches. By cutting a notch out of the card it is easy to apply this measure. If the books are marked with ink instead of labels, this mark also should be at a uniform height. If a label placed at this height covers the name of the author or the title, it should be placed lower or higher, but unimportant printing may be covered. In some libraries books are marked with white or black ink, and labels used only where there is no plain surface upon the back of the book. The best black ink for marking is Higgins Waterproof India ink. White ink, when used, may be covered with a coat of shellac. Some librarians shellac all labels. White oil paint, such as is used by artists, may be used instead of white ink. It is thinned with turpentine, and applied with a red sable brush, No. 1 or No. 2. All labeling should be as neat and plain as possible, and the printed forms of letters are the best to use. If the librarian cannot make really good figures and letters, it is perhaps better to write on labels than on the book itself.

Book pockets.

Dating slips.

For examples of how to paste in the pockets and dating slips, see those already in the library.

The library should keep on hand some good paste. Home-made paste is usually not so good as that which may be bought, and small jars or tubes of paste may be obtained in most villages. It may be bought in quantity at less expense.

A recipe for making a paste that will keep will be found in Stearns' "Essentials in library administration," p. 89.

If paste is too thick, do not add water unless forced to do so. It will usually become thinner if stirred hard.

Classification

The books of a library are to be placed and kept in such order that a given book may be readily found, and books on the same subject may be found together. Two things are requisite to this.

Subject classes. — First separate all the books into classes or kinds of literature. This process is called *classification.* In a classified library all histories are in one class, all books of science in another, the books of fiction in another, and so on, until every book is in some class with other books of a similar character. It is usually necessary to adopt some symbol to stand for each class, and these are so arranged that related classes stand near each other. There are two systems of classification commonly in use in libraries. In the Decimal, or Dewey, system, figures are used as symbols for classes; and in the Expansive, or Cutter, system, letters are used. In the Decimal system each subject or class (except fiction) is represented by a number, which is written on the label and inside of each book in that class. Books for young people have *y* or *j* before the class number. Fiction has no class number, and is simply arranged alphabetically by name of author. Fiction for young people is marked with a *y* or *j*. The classification scheme is given in the first part of the "A. L. A. Catalog," pp. 35–46. The full scheme is published by the Library Bureau. An abridgment of this, full enough for small libraries, may be bought for $1.50.

If the library has a dictionary catalogue, that is, a catalogue containing subject cards, these cards will show what class number has been used for a given subject. If the library has not such a catalogue there should be an alphabetic index to the shelflist, preferably written in red ink, giving the class number for each subject. The shelflist and this index are described later. With the index, the shelflist serves as a classed catalogue.

In classifying a new book, first decide what is the main subject treated in it, and then look for that subject in the catalogue of

the library, if this includes subject cards, to see what number has been used to stand for that subject. If there are no subject cards, look in the index to the shelflist already mentioned.

If you are in any doubt, look at the shelflist cards or the books already under the number you are thinking of, and see if they are similar to the one you are classifying. If the library has not yet any book like the one you are classifying, look at the classification, pp. 37–46 in the "A. L. A. Catalog," and try to find the right class. A book should be classified where it will be most useful. If you cannot find a class, look in the subject index, pp. 373–403, Part 1 of "A. L. A. Catalog." After selecting a number from the subject index *always* turn back and look at it in the scheme of classification, pp. 37–46, to see whether in your library that number may be used. The scheme as given in the "A. L. A. Catalog" may have been simplified for your library, and the changes made should be indicated on pp. 37–46. If the book is in the "A. L. A. Catalog," the annual lists of "Best Books," or the "A. L. A. Booklist," you will find a subject number given to it. Here again, however, before using that number, you must be sure to look at the outline of the classification as used in your library, to see whether that number may be used by you. For instance, the biography numbers given in the "A. L. A. Catalog" would not be used by you, and you would use only the first three figures of most numbers given. If you start a new class, be sure to make a card referring to it in the red ink index of subjects. If people might think of the subject under two different words, such as *Farming* and *Agriculture* make an index card under each.

Author or name marks. — The next thing is to mark the books again with letters or names, so that they may be arranged alphabetically in each class. This makes it easier to find a given book, and has other advantages. Books are arranged in each class alphabetically by the last name of the author, except in the case of individual biography, which is explained below. The initial of the author's name is written below the class number. Of course, it will often happen that two or more books, sometimes ten or twenty, will have the same initial; but this will not matter much, because they will all stand together, and by looking at the printed title you can pick out the one you want. For instructions as to who should be considered as the author of a book when there is doubt, look at the next section, headed "Cataloguing." If there is no author or editor, use the initial of the first word of the title not an article.

Biographies, except a book containing several lives, are arranged by the name of the person the book is about, so that all the lives of one person may come together. It is therefore marked, not with the initial of the author's name, but with the surname of the man written about. For examples see individual biographies already in the library.

Write the class number on the bookplate (if that is customary in your library), on the book card and on the upper left-hand corner of each catalogue card. For the place of the class number on the back of the book look at the paragraph headed "Pasting and Labeling."

While fiction has no class number, it may be marked with the author's initial, to make it easier to keep the books in order on the shelves. Some libraries mark fiction only when the author's name is not printed on the back of the book. In a small collection it may be sufficient to arrange the fiction merely by the initial of the author, putting first all the A's, then the B's, etc. When the collection becomes so large that it takes long to find a given book under this system, or when it seems desirable to keep together the novels by one author, the books should be arranged more exactly, according to the alphabetic order of the authors' names. It makes it easier to keep the books in order, especially where the public has access to them, to paste the author's initial on the back of each book. One color may be used for adult fiction, and another for juvenile. Gummed letters for this purpose may be obtained of Tablet and Ticket Company, 381–383 Broadway, New York City; Gaylord Bros., Syracuse, N. Y.; and P. F. Van Everen, 60 Ann Street, New York City. Samples will be sent on application.

Cataloguing

The list of books in the library is kept on cards, to allow ready insertion of new cards for additions. All catalogue cards should be written as plainly as possible, with ink that will not fade. A card giving model library handwriting may be obtained free of the Library Bureau, 43 Federal Street, Boston. Many librarians typewrite their cards, and both typewritten and manuscript cards may appear in the same catalogue. Printed cards for most of the ordinary books may be bought of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. A pamphlet giving details will be sent on application.

The kind of catalogue and the number of cards made for a book

vary according to the size of the library and the needs of the community.

One card at least is made for each book or set of books. This card has the author's name on the top line, the surname being given first, and the title below, as follows: —

630 Hall, Bolton
H Three acres and liberty

Another card may be made, with the title on the top line and the author below, as —

630 Three acres and liberty
H Hall, Bolton

This is called a title card.

The call number or letter in the upper left corner of a card always shows where the book may be found on the shelves. Cards for non-fiction always have a class number in the corner, and cards for fiction have an initial letter but no class number. The absence of a class number means that the book will be found on the fiction shelves, where the books are arranged alphabetically by author. The letter on fiction cards is the same as the letter marked on the back of the work of fiction, and is usually the author's initial.

In cataloguing, a separate card is given to each work of an author, instead of putting several titles on one card. But if there are several volumes of a work, all having the same title, only one card is made for the set, and the number of volumes is stated on this.

Kinds of catalogues. — *1. Shelflist.* — The simplest and most necessary list in most cases is a list of the books in the order in which they stand on the shelves. As the books are arranged by subject number, the cards are also arranged by subject. Such a list is called a *shelflist*, but may also be regarded as a subject catalogue. On all shelflist cards, except those for individual biography, the author's name is given first. In individual biography the name of the man written about is given first, in red ink, because biography is arranged, not by author, but by subject, as already explained under "Classification." Besides serving as a subject catalogue, this list is an account of stock, and may be used in taking an inventory of the books, to see that none have been lost. If the shelflist must serve as a subject catalogue, there should be also an alphabetic card list, written in red ink, of the subjects represented,

telling what number stands for each subject. For convenience these may be called *index cards,* as they practically are an index to the shelflist. They are arranged either at the beginning of the shelflist, in an alphabet by themselves, or in the alphabetic list of authors and titles described under 4.

2. Title list. — The list described above may be supplemented by a second list giving *titles,* arranged alphabetically like a dictionary. A sample title card is given in a preceding paragraph. Such a title list includes all titles of fiction and striking titles of non-fiction. It does not include such titles as "History of England," "Miscellaneous essays," etc. This list is useful in finding a book whose author or subject is unknown. As explained earlier, the number in the upper left corner of the card shows where the book may be found.

3. Author list. — An alphabetic author list of all the books in the library may also be made to show what books it has by a given author, and where they may be found. This list is useful in making out orders, to avoid buying a duplicate of a book already in the library. It may be made in two ways.

(*a*) By making a second author card [1] for each card in the shelflist, the list described above under 1. (The cards for individual biography, which in the shelflist have the subject on the top line, will in this author list have the author on the top line. For examples see cards already in your catalogue.)

(*b*) A shorter method is to make a second card only for non-fiction. File these author cards for non-fiction with the alphabetic author list of fiction in the shelflist, and the result is an alphabetic author list of the whole library. This list may still be used as a shelflist of fiction for taking inventory by simply disregarding all the non-fiction cards, that is, all the cards with class numbers in the corners.

4. Author and title list. — The title list (described under 2) and the author list (described under 3) may be filed together in one alphabet. The index cards written in red ink (described under 1) may also be filed in this alphabet instead of at the beginning of the shelflist.

5. Dictionary catalogue. — One or more *subject* cards may be made for each book, having on the top line the subject of the book

[1] To make explanation easier, we have used the term *author card* for all cards giving first the author's name, including shelflist cards. In technical books on cataloguing this term is not applied to shelflist cards.

written in red ink, and author and title below. These cards may be filed in one alphabet with the author and title cards. This makes what is called a *dictionary catalogue.* Directions for a dictionary catalogue will be found in Miss Hitchler's "Cataloguing for Small Libraries," already mentioned on p. 93.

Number of cards needed. — 1. For a shelflist alone, — one card.

2. For a shelflist and a title list, — two cards each for fiction and for non-fiction with a striking title; one card for non-fiction without a striking title.

3. For a shelflist, title list and author list: —

By method *a:* two author cards and a title card for fiction and for non-fiction with striking title; two author cards for non-fiction without a striking title.

By method *b:* an author and a title card for fiction, and two author cards for non-fiction, with title card when the title is striking.

4. Same number of cards as in 3, the only difference being in arrangement.

5. Same number of cards as in 3 plus whatever subject cards are made. This varies with different books.

Directions for writing cards. — *Author card.* — The author's name is written on the top line, beginning at the first red line. The surname is written first. The title is written below, to the right of the second red line. On shelflist cards the accession number is given between the red lines, near the bottom of the card. In the upper left corner, as already stated, is the same mark that is on the back of the book, showing its location.

Fulness of author's name. — If there is only one first name, it should always be written out. If there is more than one, the fulness with which it is given will depend on the size of the library. There should be a uniform rule for each catalogue. One may (*a*) write the name in full; (*b*) write out first name and give initials for others; (*c*) give initials only. If in doubt about the correct form of the author's name, consult the "A. L. A. Catalog," Part 2, the "A. L. A. Booklist," or a cyclopædia.

Authors with two names. — If the author is known under two names, such as real name and pseudonym, or, in the case of a woman, maiden name and married name, choose the name you think most familiar to the public, and enter all books under that. If this name does not appear on the title-page of a book, print it

there lightly in pencil. Make a reference card under the other name of the author, referring the reader to the name chosen. For example: —

Freeman, Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins
See
Wilkins, Mary E.

Some cataloguers think it is clearer to write *To be found under,* or *Look under,* instead of *See,* in such a card.

Books without authors. — If there is no author, use the name of the editor or compiler, and write *editor* or *compiler* after this name on the card. If there is neither author nor editor, leave the top line blank, writing the title below, and use the initial of the first word of the title, not an article, as the initial on the back of the book. If the author is known, but his name is not on the title-page, it should be printed there, in pencil.

Public documents, and other official publications. — If the book is published by some branch of the government, or by a society or organization, the body publishing it is regarded as the author. This is called the *official author.* Sometimes, however, when the whole of a public document is written by one man he is put down as the author. A note should then be written on the lower part of the card, stating that the book is an official publication of a certain organization, and a reference card should be made under the official author. For the official author of a State publication use first the name of the State, followed by a period, and then the branch of the State government issuing the document. For example, *Mass. Board of Education.* For the official author of a United States publication, use the name *United States,* and then the branch of the government issuing the document. In giving the name of the branch of the government, some cataloguers invert the official title, to bring the most prominent word first, as, *Mass. Education, Board of.* If a government publication is well known under its title, as "Farmers' bulletin," a reference should be made from the title to the official author; or it may be catalogued under title, with reference from official author. For instance, if the "Farmers' bulletin" is catalogued under its official author, the United States Department of Agriculture, a card should be made as follows: —

Farmers' bulletin
See
U. S. Department of Agriculture

If it is catalogued under its title, a card should be made as follows: —

U. S. Department of Agriculture
See also
Farmers' bulletin

The list of documents in the first part of the "A. L. A. Catalog," pp. 367–372, may be useful in finding the names of the branches of the government. The "Congressional Directory," which may be obtained free by applying to your congressman, also describes the different branches of the government.

Title, in author cards. — Begin the title below the author, at the second red line, using as much of the title as you think desirable to show the character of the book. If the title fills more than one line, begin the second line also at the inside red line. This is not the rule given in technical books on cataloguing, but it is the easiest rule to follow. Omit the article at the beginning of the title, unless necessary to the sense. Capitalize only the first word and words always requiring capitals, such as proper names.

Other details, given after title. — In catalogues of large libraries it is customary to give several details after the title, such as date, number of pages, etc. This is called the *imprint*. Full directions for this may be found in any book of cataloguing rules. In a small library the only fact that must be given is the number of volumes, if there is more than one. In non-fiction the edition and date of publication may be given, if desired. These show how recent a book is and are useful to the occasional student, especially in works where the date makes a difference, such as scientific books or travel. In giving the date, give date at the foot of the title-page, and if the first edition of the book was published more than a year earlier, add the date of first publication in brackets. The date of first publication in this country is usually the first copyright date on the back of the title-page. If there is no copyright date, the preface sometimes shows when the book was written. If in doubt about what date to give, do not give any.

If one book is the sequel of another, or if it is one of a series of connected novels, it is well to state this fact on the lower part of the catalogue card as well as on the fly-leaf of the book. In the case of a series, the name of the series may be written in curves after the title, with the series number of that particular book. Any kind of descriptive note may be written or pasted on the lower part of the catalogue card.

On the shelflist cards write the accession number between the two red lines near the bottom of the card. If there is more than one volume or copy, give the accession number of each. If they come in regular order, only the first and last ones need be given, with a dash between.

Title card. — Title cards are made for all fiction and for non-fiction when the title is striking, such as "Following the equator." The title is written on the top line, beginning at the second red line, and the author's name below, beginning at the first red line. If the author has more than one first name, give initials only on the title card. Omit the articles *the, an* and *a* at the beginning of the title on the title card. If the article is necessary to the sense it may be used in parentheses, but should be disregarded in alphabeting the cards.

If there are two or more novels in a book, a title card should be made for each. In such cases write on the lower part of the card for the second and third novels in the book, *With his* or *her,* and then give the title of the first novel in the book. For example: —

Tale of two cities
Dickens, Charles
With his Hard times

This is especially desirable when only the title of the first novel is printed on the back of the book.

If the title begins with some words not usually used in speaking of the book, omit these and make the title card under the name usually used. For instance, if the title reads "Life and adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit," use for the title simply "Martin Chuzzlewit."

The title cards made should be indicated on the author card, in the alphabetic list of authors, if there is one. If there is no author list, title cards made should be indicated on the shelflist card. This is called *tracing* the card, and enables one to find all cards for a book that is withdrawn, or for one whose number is changed. A simple way of tracing is to make two dots on the author card under the first word that appears on the title card. If there are several novels in the book and title cards have been made for each, dots should be used upon the author card under the first word of each title. The accession number need not be given on the title cards.

Index cards for shelflist. — These have been mentioned in the paragraph on the shelflist. Where the shelflist forms the only subject catalogue, these cards make it possible to turn readily to the cards on any subject. They also help to keep the classification consistent, by showing future classifiers what number has been used for any subject. It is better to write the cards in red ink. If a subject might be looked for under two words, make a card for the less desirable word, referring to the other.

Agriculture
See class 630

Farming
See
Agriculture

Subdivisions of the subject, with the corresponding class numbers, may be listed on the lower part of the card; and any kind of explanatory note about the kind of book placed in a certain class may be given.

The easiest way to make this index is to go through the shelflist class by class, and under each class think what words would represent the subject-matter of that class. Then make an index card for each word. Whenever a new class is started index cards should be made for it.

Subject cards for parts of a book. — It often happens that a book on one subject contains material on another subject, or a book may consist of miscellaneous essays on various subjects. The book is of course classified according to its main subject, but it would be very useful if the other material might be readily found when wanted. Often a library has no whole book on a given subject, but it may be discussed in chapters of two or three books scattered in various classes. Unless some record is made, such material can be found when wanted only if the librarian happens to have read and remembered the books; and manifestly all librarians have limitations. It is better to make subject cards for such portions of books, when the librarian has time. The work is interesting and will add greatly to one's knowledge of the books in the library. It may be kept for those hours, if such there be, when other work is not pressing. Such cards for portions of a book are called *analytical cards,* or *analyticals,* because they analyze the book into its parts. To make such a card for an essay, say, in a given book, write on the top line, beginning at the second red line, the subject of the essay. Use that word to express the subject which you think

people will be most likely to think of. Having once adopted a given word to express a given subject, always use that word in making other cards. For instance, if you make a card under *Agriculture* do not make the next one under *Farming*. Having written the subject on the top line in red ink, write below, in black, beginning at the first red line, the name of the author of the essay. On the line below, beginning at the second red line, write its title. After this, in parentheses, write *In his* and then give the name of the whole book. The page where the essay is found may be given. If the whole book is by some other person, use that person's name instead of the pronoun *his*. In the upper left corner of the card write the class number and initial letter of the book, which shows where it may be found on the shelves. Whenever you look up a subject for any one and find part of a book on it, it is well to make such a card, as a memorandum for future use.

If a book is on two subjects, it is classified with the subject that seems most important. A subject card may be made for the second subject. Such a card is called a *secondary subject card*. For instance, suppose one had a book on the history of Germany and Italy, with more attention to Germany. It would be classified under Germany, and a card might be made for Italy as follows: —

943 Italy
S Smith, William
History of Germany and Italy

All these subject cards had better be filed in the same alphabet with the cards in red ink that index the shelflist. This will bring together all the material on one subject. If you have a general index card referring to the shelflist under a given subject, and an analytical card on the same subject, file the analytical card before the general card.

Two such cards would read as follows: —

Analytical card.

824 Astronomy
H Howell, Joseph
How to find the constellations
(In his Miscellaneous essays. Page 41)

General index card.

Astronomy
See class 520

Arranging cards. — *1. Shelflist.* — Arrange shelflist cards having class numbers in the corner according to number. The cards having the same number should be arranged alphabetically by author. For example: first place together all the cards in class 220 and then arrange them alphabetically; then arrange alphabetically the cards in class 230, etc. Now put them in their proper places in the shelflist, always arranging first by number, and then arranging all the cards of one number alphabetically by author. In the tray the cards read from the front toward the back, so that the smaller numbers come first. Projecting guide cards may be placed where the main classes begin. Guide cards are placed *before* the matter to which they guide, not after it. For instance, a guide to classes 200 to 299 is placed just before class 200. The alphabeting under class must not be by the first letter only, but should be carried out as in a dictionary. If these are decimal fractions of a number, these indicate subdivisions of the subject represented by the whole number, and are filed immediately after this whole number. For example: first comes 973, then 973.2, 973.3, etc., and then comes 974.

2. Alphabetic lists. — The alphabetic author, title and subject lists are arranged first according to what is on the top line. When the top line is the same for two cards (as when there are two cards for the same author), they are arranged according to what is on the line below. The alphabeting must be followed out as in a dictionary. An article at the beginning of a title is disregarded, but in the middle of a title it is regarded in the alphabeting.

If one word forms the first part of another word, the shorter word comes first, regardless of the word following. For example, *New York* comes before *Newark*. That is, nothing comes before something.

If authors and titles are in one alphabet, and an author and a title card begin with the same word, the author card comes first. In filing, it is well to put the cards in place first, without pulling out the rods, so that the cards project. Then go over them to make sure that they are in the right places before pulling out the rods and locking them in.

Printed catalogue. — A printed catalogue for the whole library, or for any part of it, may be made from the card catalogue. A good method is to copy from the shelflist on slips of paper, using a separate slip for each book. On the slips give author's name with initials, brief title, and number of the book, if you charge by number. These slips may then be sorted into large subject groups, such

as *Travel, Fiction,* etc. Children's books may be listed separately, or put with the others, with a *y* or *j* to show that they are juvenile. In each large subject group the books should be arranged alphabetically by author. If it costs too much to print a complete catalogue, a selected list, giving only the most interesting books in each class, may be printed. When the slips are arranged, they may be pasted on sheets as copy for the printer. In many libraries an annual list of additions is published, often in the town report. Some librarians keep the cards for new books out of the catalogue until this is printed, because they wish to use them as copy for this list. It is much better to make an extra slip as copy for the printer, and file the cards at once.

A complete printed catalogue, though most useful, is expensive, and of course soon goes out of date. A pamphlet entitled "Meeting the demand for a printed catalogue," by C. P. P. Vitz of the New York State Library, may be obtained free of the H. W. Wilson Company, Minneapolis, Minn. It is a condensation of an article that appeared in "New York Libraries," July, 1910. The H. W. Wilson Company publishes three catalogues of fiction, of 350,800 and 1,200 titles, respectively, which may serve as a printed list for libraries that have not a printed catalogue. Prices will be sent on application. Various other printed lists are available, such as those mentioned in the section on "Book selection."

Advertising the Resources of the Library

To make the library of the most possible service to the community, the librarian and trustees should bring its resources to the attention of all classes in all possible ways. Where the library passively waits for the people already interested to come for books, it is used much less than is a library that attracts readers by bringing to the attention of all the people the library and the books that might interest them. A library may profitably spend part of its income on making known its resources. A city library in Massachusetts spends 2 per cent. of its income in this way. The "Wisconsin Library Bulletin", January, 1910, published by the Wisconsin Library Commission, Madison, gives a full discussion of what has been done in this line. Following are some suggestions.

1. Printing short lists of new books, or of books on some subject of interest. — Sometimes a paper will print such lists free, and extra copies may be struck off for distribution from the library. As already noted, the annual list of additions, if not too long,

may appear in the town report. The Commission has this year offered to supply libraries with a list, "Nine good books on farming", in quantity, that they may try the effect of distributing freely a brief selected list. In general, a very short, carefully chosen list is preferable to a long one, for advertising purposes. A series of short lists, adult and juvenile, including good fiction, has been prepared by the Wisconsin Library Commission, and may be bought of the Democrat Printing Company, Madison, Wis. A sample set will be furnished for 15 cents. The price is 10 cents per hundred for the adult lists, and 25 cents for the juvenile. In using these, the librarian might check the books already in the library, and try by degrees to get the missing ones. If the library prints short lists of its own, they may be posted and distributed in various public places, such as the school, the post-office, the town hall, stores, factories, and places where societies meet.

2. The use of circulars and posters calling general attention to the library. — These should contain a statement of the library hours, the privileges it grants to readers, and an invitation to make use of it. Such notices are particularly needed in towns of considerable population, part of which has never learned to use the library. A case is cited where the distribution of a circular headed, "Do you use the library? If not, why not?" led to an immediate increase of 25 per cent. in the circulation. In another city similar results were obtained from the distribution in the schools of a circular entitled "Don't be a quitter", telling what the library may do for a boy after leaving school. This circular may be obtained of H. W. Wilson Company, Minneapolis, for 25 cents a hundred, or $1.75 a thousand. In some places, an invitation to use the library is slipped into the pay envelope at factories and stores. Even the smallest library may post in all public places a notice of its hours and privileges.

3. Informing different groups in the community of what the library has of interest to them. — If the librarian can speak to the children in the school, the Grange, the ministers and Sunday School teachers, the workers in any industry, inviting them to use the library, and telling each class what it has for them, this will often win new readers. If she cannot speak, she may induce others to speak for her, or may send a written invitation, and lists of books. Such notices are sometimes sent to meetings of trade unions.

In conclusion, we quote in condensed form from "New York Libraries" for April, 1910, as to the value of advertising the

library: "Libraries often show too little business enterprise and appreciation of their opportunities in the matter of library publicity. Sometimes this is due to a false conception of dignity and a prejudice against the idea of advertising, or ignorance of methods; but more often it is due to inertia and lack of initiative. Library trustees who do nothing to extend the knowledge of what they have to offer the public make as great a failure as would a business firm guilty of the same neglect. The first duty of the library is to make itself known to the public as favorably and completely as possible."

Charging Systems

If a system is used which requires a number for each book, the accession number may be used for charging. Many librarians use the Cutter numbers for charging books and for keeping them in order on the shelves. They have not been recommended here because they are likely to lead to confusion when used by untrained librarians. The book may be charged by author and title, instead of by number. Brief notes on the main charging systems are given here, and fuller information will be found in the manuals listed at the beginning of these directions.

Ledger system. — In one ledger system a page is given to each reader, and an alphabetic index guides to the page wanted. This involves constant turning from one page to another, and is slow and cumbersome. Another method is to enter all books issued in one day together, giving reader's name or number after the name or number of the book. This method is quicker, and makes it easier to keep track of overdue books. If a library has a very small circulation, issuing only a few books a day, a ledger system will answer; but in any except the smallest libraries a card system is preferable.

Newark system. — In this, a card is placed in a pocket in each book, giving number of book, author and title. Each borrower has a card, with a borrower's number. When a book goes out the borrower's number is written on the book card, and the librarian keeps this book card to show who has the book. The reader's card is placed in the book. The date is written or stamped on the reader's card, and usually on a date slip in the book. It may also be placed on the book card. In some libraries the number of the book is written on the reader's card. The cards for books issued in one day are kept together, usually in a box or tray, with a date guide. When a book is returned the date of return is written or

stamped on the borrower's card. The card for the book is found under date in the tray and returned to the pocket in the book.

Newark system, with book card only. — In a small community the borrower's card and number may be dispensed with. Each book has a card, and when any one borrows the book, his name is written on the card, which is kept at the library arranged by date, as described above. It is a convenience both to borrower and librarian if there is a date slip in the book.

Browne system. — In this, each reader has one or more so-called "pockets," bearing his name. These pockets are like heavy paper envelopes, open at the end. When not in use they are kept by the librarian, arranged alphabetically. Each book has a card, as in the Newark system. When a reader takes a book, the librarian finds his pocket, or envelope, and puts the book card in the pocket. This shows who has the book, and no writing of numbers is necessary. The date is placed on the date slip in the book. The cards are arranged by date, as in the Newark system, and when the book is returned the book card is placed in the book.

In all the systems using a book card, the cards may be arranged under date by accession number, class number, or alphabetically by author.

On the book card, the accession number, if used for charging, may be written on the top line, left side, and the class number may be written on the right side, with *class* before it. Fiction has no class number, but juvenile fiction should have *y* or *j*, and the author's initial in the right corner of the book card. The author's last name is written on the second line, and a brief title on the third. If the book has more than one volume, volume number should be given after title. If the accession number is used for charging, copy number is not necessary. The number of the book should be written also on the book pocket. It is often a convenience to use cards of one color for fiction, and of another color for non-fiction. Unbound magazines and pamphlets may have manila slips for book cards.

Inventory

The books in the library should be examined occasionally, preferably once a year, to see that none are lost. At the same time any mistakes that may have crept into the shelflist will be found. It is not necessary to call in all the books to take an inventory. The books should first be put in exact order on the shelves. Then one person should read the list of books aloud from the shelflist

while another looks to see if the books are on the shelves. One person can, of course, do the work, but it is much easier with two. If the library uses Cutter numbers, only those numbers need to be read. If it does not use them (and they have not been suggested in these directions), it will be necessary to read class number, author, and enough of the title to identify the book. When a title is read which is not on the shelves, the person looking at the shelves says "Out," and the person reading writes down the class number and the accession number, if this is used for charging, with author and title. When all the shelves have been read, the list of books not on the shelves is compared with the list of books loaned, and those found regularly charged to some one are crossed off. Those remaining are missing and should be diligently searched for. If after several months they are not found, they should be crossed off in the accession book and *Missing* and the date written in the *Remarks* column. If worth replacing, new copies should be bought; if not, they should be withdrawn from all records (see "Withdrawals and Replacements").

Withdrawals and Replacements

If a book is withdrawn and not replaced, all its cards should of course be taken from the catalogue. Keep a few pages at the end of the accession book, or in a separate blank book, for a record of books withdrawn. This is to include both those that are replaced and those that are not. Number the lines on the pages, giving a line to each volume withdrawn. If this record is kept from the beginning, or from some time when an actual count of books is made, it will give the total number of volumes withdrawn. By subtracting this total from the total in the accession book, the present number of books in the library will be known. In writing this record of books withdrawn, give date when the book is withdrawn, brief author and title, accession number, and reason for withdrawal if you wish.

When a book withdrawn is replaced by a new copy of the same, write *Repl.* or *Replaced* after the title in the withdrawal record. Cross off the accession number of the old copy in the accession book, and in the *Remarks* column write *Replaced by no.* —. Enter the new copy in the accession book with a new number, and in the *Remarks* column write *Replaces no.* —. Change the accession number on the shelflist card by drawing a line through the old number and writing the new one. The book card of the old copy should be kept and placed in the new book. If the accession number is

given on the book card it must of course be changed. When you put the old book card in the new copy, write *Replaced* after the last charge on the card.

Statistics of Circulation

A record should be kept of the number of bound volumes circulated. Unbound magazines and pamphlets should be counted separately. To show more in detail the character of the reading, a record may be kept of fiction and non-fiction, and of the adult and juvenile in each. The manner of keeping this record will depend upon the charging system. Where a system is used that has a book card, the easiest way is to count the cards at the end of each day, and put the totals by date in a table, where they can readily be added up. They may be added up at the end of each month or quarter, and the totals entered in a table, where they can easily be added for the annual report.

Pamphlets

Pamphlets should not be allowed to accumulate, but should be looked over as soon as they come. Keep only what may be useful. If you receive regularly some publication that you do not want, send notice to the office sending it. Ask if they wish you to return copies you already have, at their expense. This is done for some government documents. Decide what is the main subject of the pamphlet and mark the class number on its upper corner. Write or stamp on the cover the name of the library, and place the pamphlet with books having the same number. It is best to use a box for this purpose if one of the right shape can be obtained. Heavy pasteboard boxes, of light color, 9¾ x 7 x 4 inches, will be made by any box factory for a small price per hundred. The opening should be on the long, narrow side.

A few thin pamphlets on the same subject may be kept in a folder of heavy paper, or they may be placed between two pieces of cardboard and tied like a parcel. It is then easier to place them with books on the same subject. A box or folder containing pamphlets should be marked with the class number and a general title, *Pamphlets on* ———. If you put a pamphlet in a class in which there are no pamphlets as yet, make a general card for the shelf-list, giving class number in the corner and saying *Pamphlets on* ———. When you think a pamphlet is out of date, or no longer useful, discard it. As the pamphlets are not entered on your accession book, nor included in the count of books in the library,

this is a simple matter. This is specially desirable with old college catalogues, etc., after new ones come. Pamphlets that are worth it may be bound in cardboard covers, and marked on the back with author and title. They should then be treated in all respects as if they were books. If several pamphlets or leaflets are bound together in the same cover, a common title-page may be written and fastened in front, saying *Pamphlets on* ———.

If any one wishes to take out a pamphlet, in a library where book cards are used, a temporary book card may be made, giving the class and name of the pamphlet, and when the pamphlet is returned this may be put in it for use again. Neither pamphlets nor unbound magazines are to be included in the count of bound volumes circulated, but should be given separately in the annual report.

Annual Report

A report of the work of the library is sent to the Free Public Library Commission once a year, on blank forms furnished for that purpose. Two copies of the blank will be sent, so that the library may keep one. This should be consulted in making the next report, to insure agreement between the two. If these reports are kept together from year to year, they will form a history of the growth of the library.

Please answer all questions in the report as fully and accurately as possible. The items of money received and money paid out are important, also names of trustees, number of volumes and circulation.

The report should be signed by the librarian and certified by the chairman of the trustees, or in his absence by one of the other trustees. It should be returned to the Free Public Library Commission as promptly as possible. The blanks are usually sent out October 1. With careful attention to the accession book and the daily and monthly records of circulation and money account, there should be no difficulty in making up all the items required. It will in fact be found much easier to give the matter prompt attention than to postpone it.

It will be well to bear in mind that the annual report is intended to show just how matters stand at the end of the library year. Anything added the next day or the next week or month belongs with the report of the succeeding year.

Finally, remember that the Free Public Library Commission is willing to give advice or help, even on minor matters.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twenty-second report, covering the fiscal year, Dec. 1, 1910, to Nov. 30, 1911.

The Commission

No change has taken place in the membership of the commission during the year.

Free Libraries classified

A complete list of the towns under the various classifications will be found in Appendix II. to the report.

Libraries aided

The Free Public Library Commission has supplied books to the following towns during the year: —

Bellingham,
Berkley,
Berlin,
Blandford,
Boxborough,
Boxford,
Chesterfield,
Chilmark,
Dana,
Dunstable,
Eastham,
Florida,
Goshen,
Gosnold,
Greenwich,
Hancock,
Hawley,
Holland,
Lakeville,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Medway,
Middlefield,
Monroe Bridge,
Montague,
Montgomery,
Oakham,
Otis,
Pelham,
Peru,

Plainfield,
Plympton,
Prescott,
Richmond,
Rowley,
Russell,
Sandisfield,
Shirley,
Somerset,
Stow,
Sunderland,
Tyngsborough,
Tyringham,
Wales,
Warwick,
Washington,
Wendell,
West Stockbridge,
West Tisbury,
Windsor. — 50.

In addition to the above, books given to the commission by its friends have been sent to the following towns: —

Bellingham,
East Pepperell,
Enfield,
Medway,
Montague City,
Washington,
West Bridgewater. — 7.

The commission has sent supplies to the following towns during the year: —

Carlisle,
Carver,
Charlemont,
Chesterfield,
Deerfield,
Dunstable,
Edgartown,
Freetown,
Gill,
Goshen,
Oak Bluffs,
Plainfield,
Rowe,
Royalston,
West Bridgewater.—15.

Instruction of Librarians

The tuition of four librarians has been paid by the commission at the summer library school of Simmons College. The towns represented were Conway, North Amherst, Rutland and South Hadley Falls.

Traveling Libraries

The traveling libraries in Massachusetts have been for many years furnished and circulated by the Woman's Education Association, in close co-operation with the commission.

They are sent to the smaller libraries to supplement their own collections, and especially to supply the needs of study clubs and others wishing to pursue a special course of reading. They are also often sent, at the request of the commission, to outlying villages or schools as the first step towards the establishment of a branch or deposit station in connection with the town library.

The localities receiving the benefit of these libraries are as follows: —

Alford,
Amherst,[1]
Ashburnham,[1]
Auburn,[1]
Ayer,[2]
Bedford,[1]
Blandford,[1]
Boxborough,
Briggsville (Clarksburg),
Brimfield,[1]
Brookfield,[1]
Buckland,
Chester Center,
Chilmark,
Clarksburg,
Colrain,
Cotuit,[1]
Cummington Center,
Dalton,[1]
Drury,
Dudley,[2]
Dunstable,
Duxbury,[1]
East Freetown,
East Pepperell,
Erving,
Farley,
Florida,
Georgetown,[2]
Gill,
Goshen,
Greenwich,
Halifax,
Hancock,
Hartsville (New Marlborough),
Hawley,
Heath,
Hoosac Tunnel,
Huntington,
Hyannis,[1]
Knightsville (Huntington),
Leominster,[1]
Leverett,
Leyden,
Littleton,[1]
Littleville (Chester),
Lunenburg,[1]
Medfield,[1]
Millbury,[1]
Miller's Falls,
Montague Center,[1]
Monterey,
Montgomery,
Montville (Sandisfield),
New Salem,
North Chester,
Oak Bluffs,[3]
Oakham,
Otis,
Paxton,
Pelham,
Peru,
Plainfield,
Reading,[1]
Rowe,[3]
Russell,
Rutland,[3]
Shirley,[1]
Shutesbury,
Southfield (New Marlborough),
Sturbridge,[1]
Swift River (Cummington),
Townsend,
Tyngsborough,[1]
Tyringham,[3]
Wales,
Wareham,
Washington,
Wellfleet,
Wendell,
West Acton,
West Center (West Stockbridge),
West Cummington,
Westminster,
Westport,
West Stockbridge,
West Tisbury,
West Yarmouth,
Wheelwright (Hardwick),
Williamsburg.[2] — 90.

Four of the special libraries given by the Audubon Society have visited six towns during the year in addition to the Smith's Agricultural School at Northampton. At Dudley the books were put into the schools and the bird charts placed in

[1] These places have had special libraries only.
[2] These places have had Audubon libraries only.
[3] These places have had both special and regular.

the Sunday school. At Georgetown the librarian wrote that they received "new ideas" on using more widely their own nature books. Sixteen of the other libraries are special libraries, including Florence, Rome, Venice and Egypt. The Florence library was sent to Reading in November, and suffered by the fire which greatly injured the library there. It will be returned for revision and improvement. The German art library gave great pleasure at Bedford and Montague. At Duxbury one family tried to read all the books in the Egypt library, but did not quite succeed. The Venice library arrived in Cheshire just as the Reading Club had voted to take that city for its winter study. At Westminster the arts and crafts set is so popular that a waiting list of borrowers is kept. Rowe asked for an extension of time for the library of Italian art.

In recognition of the present need of books for foreigners, two Polish libraries are being prepared, and the Circolo Italiano has given the association $50 for an Italian library.

Twenty-three sets of pictures have visited 152 places. The set of fishes and birds was highly appreciated on Cape Cod. In Hyannis the normal school pupils came to see them and every one enjoyed them. The school superintendent at Yarmouth and the librarians at West Harwich, Chatham and Centerville wrote of the pleasure they had given. Glimpses of Europe, prepared in reply to a call from the Cape, were very gratefully received, reaching Osterville just in time for a lecture on foreign travel. The sets on California, the Grand Canyon and the Canadian Pacific Railroad were enthusiastically received in various places. At Hyannis a special meeting of the Woman's Club was held for the exhibition of the gardens of Italy, and Miss Harriet S. Tolman gave a most interesting talk describing their great extent, their historical romances, architectural styles and wonderful beauty. At East Freetown Miss Delano gave a talk on the Rome pictures, which are now, by request, at the Woman's Club at West Springfield, where they are proving of great value. The clergyman at Chester Center desired more books on China for talks he proposed giving in the different villages while the picture set was there, and the State commission lent six volumes from the State Library.

At Westminster the schools were invited to inspect the famous cathedrals. The Swiss sets have been lent to Foxborough for club use and are of valuable assistance. Berkley wrote its thanks for "the privilege of seeing the parrots." Children delight in the Walter Crane pictures, and come again and again, reading all the text.

Book Lists

The library committee of the Woman's Education Association also renders an important service to which the commission desires to call special attention. Twice a year, in April and November, it publishes lists of "Books recommended for purchase by small libraries." These lists are prepared at the request of the commission and are distributed at its expense. They are intended for the benefit of the poorer towns whose income for the purchase of books is limited, but they are also sent to the large libraries that desire them.

The ladies who have undertaken these lists have exceptional qualifications for the work. They include Miss Mary Morison, who for many years has been chairman of the committee of readers of fiction for the Boston Public Library; Miss McCurdy, the head of the order department; and Miss Jordan, of the children's department. Thus the committee has, through these ladies, the benefit of the reports on books made to the Boston Public Library and of its practical experience of their usefulness and popularity. Among the other members of the committee are Miss Katherine P. Loring, long connected with the library of the Society for the Promotion of Studies at Home, and at present an active member of the purchasing committee of the Beverly library; and Miss Alice G. Chandler of Lancaster who, through her constant correspondence in connection with travel libraries, is intimately familiar with the needs and preferences of the small towns. The other members bring to its councils a wide experience with books and the varied opinions of those whom they consult. Books are carefully discussed at regular meetings of the committee, and the lists, when printed, represent the consensus of opinion of persons particularly well qualified to pass judgment.

The lists do not undertake to include all the good books of the year, but simply a limited number from which the average small town can most wisely select those suited to its needs. A book is often omitted because its style or even its type is less attractive and therefore less likely to be read than some other book on the subject recommended in the same or earlier lists. Other books are omitted simply because they have not proved so popular as others of a similar character when tested by the children or older readers they are designed to serve. The fact that these lists are prepared with especial attention to the local interests and needs of Massachusetts adds materially to their value to libraries in this State.

Advisory Visitors

The commission gratefully records its appreciation of the important aid which it has received from the Board of Advisory Visitors. The names of these visitors will be found in the appendix to this report. They include an architect, two superintendents of schools, seven librarians in well-established and successful libraries, besides trustees and members of the library committee of the Woman's Education Association, who have special opportunities to pass judgment on the value of books. Usually the visitors live for part of the year at least near the libraries visited, and are thus able to establish personal relations with the townspeople and to obtain a familiarity with their wishes and needs which would be impossible for the members of the commission or their agent.

The commission has been especially fortunate in securing as a member of this Board Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., a trustee of the Boston Athenæum and vice-president of the Massachusetts Library Club, whose expert knowledge as an architect has been of great value to the commission. Mr. William H. Sanderson, superintendent of schools in Chester and the neighboring towns, has been able to effect arrangements for the benefit of the scattered communities he visits, which would have been impossible without his aid. Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore, another new member, has already awakened the towns in her neighborhood to improve their libraries in many ways. At her

invitation a most successful "Mending Bee" was held at the Hudson library which was attended by librarians and trustees from neighboring towns, and where all who were present were able also to receive advice and inspiration from Mrs. Whittemore and the successful administration of her library. Miss Tarbell of Brimfield, Miss Ashley of Greenfield, and Miss Dodge, Miss Farrar and Miss Shepard of the Springfield library have for many years rendered valuable assistance upon the Board, and the little towns in the Connecticut valley owe much to their expert advice and enthusiasm. Miss Martha N. Soule of Hyannis, in co-operation with Mrs. Agassiz, has continued to encourage and advise the little libraries on the Cape.

The Expenditures for the Year

The following statement shows, as required by law, the expenditures by the commission for the year: —

Appropriation for aid to libraries	$2,000 00
Books for stock, to be distributed to libraries	$947 63
Books sent direct to libraries from book store	32 60
Cases for traveling libraries	7 08
Supplies for libraries	342 93
Pamphlets for libraries, including A. L. A. and W. E. A. lists	479 10
Tuition of four students and expenses of one at Simmons College library school, summer course	128 50
Traveling expenses	55 02
Miscellaneous	7 00
Total	$1,999 86
Unexpended balance	14
	$2,000 00
Appropriation for expenses	$3,000 00
Salaries and service	$1,522 41
Traveling expenses	420 18
Supplies for commission	705 78
Amount carried forward,	$2,648 37

Amount brought forward,	$2,648 37
Books for office use	53 90
Printing	82 89
Miscellaneous	142 67
Total	$2,927 83
Unexpended balance	72 17
	$3,000 00
Appropriation for agent's salary	$1,600 00
Amount drawn from same	$1,600 00
Total	$1,600 00
Appropriation for printing and binding annual report	$350 00
Paid for annual report	$339 35
Total	$339 35
Unexpended balance	10 65
	$350 00

The Field Work of the Commission.

During the fiscal year, the chairman, Mr. Belden, visited 42 libraries and addressed 5 library meetings. Numerous visits were made to libraries by the other members of the commission and by the members of the Board of Voluntary Visitors. Now that the commission has its agent, the reports of the visitors are of increased value. Often they either save the necessity of another immediate visit on the part of the agent, or prepare the way for such assistance to a particular library as it is within the power of the commission to give.

The work of the agent of the commission, Miss Zaidee Brown, has been of a diversified nature. From Dec. 1, 1910, to Nov. 30, 1911, the agent made 86 visits to 65 libraries. Advance notices of the proposed visit were usually sent to the librarian, trustees, superintendent of schools, and such other persons as would probably be interested. In some instances pre-arranged meetings were held, with discussions on libraries and the possi-

bilities for their development, special emphasis being laid on the library under consideration. The present methods and customs of library administration do not rapidly penetrate to the remote towns of Massachusetts, and frequently rules remain unchanged simply through inertia or lack of knowledge. The improvements suggested included deposit stations, more liberal privileges to readers, longer hours of opening, and, what is especially valuable, co-operation with the schools and local organizations. These general meetings have often accomplished a distinct improvement in the system of the library and an extension of its scope of service. In several towns the schools were dismissed early that the teachers might attend the conference, and the establishment of school deposits has been one of the most frequent and hopeful results attained.

The agent has usually carried with her selected lists of books, aids in general library work and other literature of value to librarians and trustees. The teachers have shown especial interest in the juvenile bibliographies, generally unknown to them, and the Buffalo graded list, with its subject index, has evidently met a decided need. The commission also has sent such book lists and other printed aid as seemed best adapted to the requirements of the particular libraries. While, in general, pamphlets receive little attention, it is hoped that a personal explanation of their value will extend their use and gradually lead to a wider appreciation of the benefits to be derived from them.

During the year Miss Brown has addressed four formal meetings of librarians, as follows: the Massachusetts Library Club in Brookline, January 26; the Cape Cod Library Club in Osterville, September 6; a meeting of librarians who expect to form a local club in Bryantville, October 6; the Bay Path Library Club in Westborough, October 17. In addition, she had charge of one of the daily library meetings at the Conference for Rural Social Workers, held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, August 1–5. In connection with this conference there was a social exhibit, to which the commission contributed a collection of library aids and supplies, together with a book-mending demonstration by Miss Flora F.

Prince of the Springfield City Library. Miss Brown was present whenever the library exhibit was open, and was ready at all times to offer explanations, suggestions or advice. Besides those unrecorded, there were 73 visitors registered representing 41 Massachusetts cities and towns, and 17 visitors representing 9 other States and Canada.

Smaller exhibits were sent to library meetings at Osterville, Bryantville, New Bedford, Hopedale and West Tisbury. At the Bryantville and Hopedale meetings, Miss Ruby Tillinghast of Cambridge gave demonstrations of book mending, explaining simple methods and suggesting inexpensive supplies. The West Tisbury meeting took the form of Round Table Conference for the librarians of Martha's Vineyard, and was conducted by Miss Brown. In addition to these, a book-mending institute, extending over four days and attended by 23 persons representing 7 libraries, was held at Brimfield by Miss Avis Morison of the Springfield City Library, under the auspices of the commission. Miss Morison also gave instruction at Palmer to the libraries in that vicinity.

While it is the librarians and trustees who are most vitally interested in modern improvements in library work, a knowledge of the changes and possibilities often opens to the local organizations new opportunities for usefulness and co-operation. In this connection we report as important Miss Brown's addresses at Hyannis, to students in the summer normal school; at Phillipston, before the grange; at Sharon, before the Village Improvement Society; at Fitchburg, Foxborough and Sudbury, before the Women's Clubs, on the value and opportunity of the library; and in January, 1910, at the Literature and Library Extension Conference of the State Federation of Women's Clubs on the subject "The Library and the Child."

An important part of the agent's work has been that of giving instruction and information to librarians and trustees as to classification, cataloguing, charging systems and other technical subjects. Many of the smaller libraries have outgrown their first simple methods, and an inefficient working basis has necessarily narrowed their usefulness. The commission has sent Miss Brown to any library, on request, to make an estimate of

advisable changes, with a detailed statement of necessary supplies. When the valuation of the town has been over $600,000, the library has usually paid for the services of a professional worker who, with local assistance, put into effect the change outlined by Miss Brown. If the town desired, Miss Brown has sometimes worked with this organizer for the first three or four days, classifying the books, instructing the librarian and helping to plan the details. In towns of smaller valuation the commission has sent a cataloguer for about two weeks to instruct and aid the librarian and local workers, and to train them so that they understand and can carry on the new methods. It has been customary for some of the townspeople to volunteer their services to help the commission organizer, but in some instances the library trustees have paid for this assistance.

In re-organizing a library the books have generally been classified according to a simple form of the Dewey, or Decimal, system, the juvenile books being separated from the adult. No Cutter numbers have been used unless specially desired by the librarian or trustees. A simple author and title catalogue has been made for the whole library, and for the non-fiction a shelf-list as well, which, with its alphabetic subject index, has served as a subject catalogue.

It is most desirable that the schools and local organizations should become familiar with the changes made at the library, and the commission helper has frequently spoken before these bodies, explaining the new system, emphasizing the value of the library, and showing in what ways co-operation may be maintained to the advantage of both parties. It has sometimes been possible to have an informal opening, when the public was invited to inspect the work accomplished, and the cataloguer was ready to answer questions on any phase of the work; or, if the occasion were more formal, with a short program, including addresses on the history of the library and other appropriate topics. It is a pleasure to record the generosity with which the townspeople, even those with limited leisure, have offered their services to this work of re-organization. Co-operation of this nature has beneficial results far beyond the immediate advantage of making the new system intelligible, and therefore of

practical value, to those who work to install it. Community spirit is strengthened, and knowledge of the library and its resources is greatly increased.

Libraries in the following towns have been classified and catalogued with the commission's help, in several cases a new card charging system being also installed: —

	Volumes.		Volumes.
Carlisle	3,400	Oakham	2,036
Chesterfield	1,700	Plainfield	1,500
Dunstable	3,000	Rowe	2,034
Edgartown	2,688	Rowley	4,223
Freetown (Assonet)	1,975	Royalston	3,128
Gill	2,596	Russell	1,500
Goshen	1,700	Worthington	2,879
Harwich (West Harwich)	2,036		

At Millis (4,185 volumes) and at Oak Bluffs (3,000 volumes) the catalogues were revised and completed, while at Heath (1,900 volumes), in addition to similar work, the books were arranged in subject groups. The commission's assistance at Phillipston (6,299 volumes) consisted of removing to storage the less used books and of preparing a printed catalogue.

The expense of classification and cataloguing in the following towns was met by the trustees, but there was also volunteer help. Miss Brown gave a few days' assistance, and the re-organization was done under her general supervision: —

	Volumes.		Volumes.
Carver	4,000	West Bridgewater	6,765
Hopkinton	6,000		

At the office of the commission the supply of lists and other aids, both for consultation and distribution, has been much enlarged.

New Buildings

Following is a list of libraries that have new buildings or will have them in the near future. In some cases the building is now under construction. Details may be found under the town in Appendix I.

Auburn,[1]
Beverly,
Boston[1]
(Jamaica Plain Branch),
Brockton,
Chicopee,
Dighton,[1]
Falmouth (Woods Hole),
Great Barrington,
Hardwick (Gilbertville),
Harwich[1] (West Harwich),
Holland,[1]
Royalston,[1]
Scituate,[1]
Southborough,
Springfield,[1]
West Boylston,
Westport Point,
Winchendon.

A list of givers of free public library buildings in Massachusetts may be found in Appendix IV.

Extension Library Work

Beginning with Jan. 1, 1912, the library of the Massachusetts Agricultural College will enter the field of library extension work. It will do this as a part of the work of the extension department of the college, receiving its financial support and authority from that office. It is planned to carry on this line of work with special regard to the libraries and communities in the Commonwealth not oversupplied with books or book funds. The proposed plan is to send out, upon request, small selected collections of books or "libraries" upon agriculture and related subjects, to be circulated by and from the borrowing library. The selection is likely to follow the plan of the "List of nine good books on farming," published by the Western Massachusetts Library Club and the Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission, although there is no reason, except limited funds, why larger groups should not be sent out.

It is also planned to make up and lend "special libraries," *i.e.*, collections of books and bulletins on special subjects, such as: harvesting and marketing of crops; poultry; farmer's co-operative societies; seed selection, testing, etc.; rural social betterment work; fertilizer buying, home mixing, etc.

It is hoped that a large number of people will be helped in this way, and while the library will doubtless receive calls from individuals for material, it will be the intention to make the town and village libraries the agency through which the material will be circulated. For the present, at least, the borrowing

[1] Building completed.

library will be expected to pay the transportation charges. Otherwise there will not be any expense to libraries desiring material from the college. Communications should be addressed to Mr. Charles R. Green, Librarian, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst.

The Worcester Art Museum and Libraries

The library of the Worcester Art Museum consists of about 2,000 works on the history and criticism of art, and of about 7,000 photographs and 2,000 slides representing architecture, sculpture, painting and the minor arts from the ancient and mediæval civilizations and modern Europe and America. This material, collected in the first instance for consultation in the library by the staff and students from the museum classes, the museum desires to place at the service of as wide a circle as possible. To this end arrangements have already been made for direct loans to teachers, club leaders and other responsible persons within the city. In the hope that students in surrounding towns will find the collections useful, a circular letter has been sent to all the public libraries in Worcester County, containing a summarized statement of the resources of the museum library and of the conditions under which loans may be made. As the library is primarily for reference purposes, the loans are necessarily of brief duration, — forty-eight hours, exclusive of the time used in carriage. The period may, however, occasionally be extended at the discretion of the librarian. The museum is also taking measures to arrange an exhibition of large reproductions of its own possessions, to be lent for longer periods to libraries in Worcester County. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Philip J. Gentner, Director, Worcester Art Museum.

General Theological Library

This library, at 53 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, has an excellent collection of 25,000 volumes. The books are free to all ordained clergymen of New England, whether Protestant, Catholic or Jew. Two books may be borrowed at one time, one old and one new, the former to be kept three weeks and the latter

two. Old books may be renewed for three weeks and new ones for one, the renewals being made by mail. The library pays transportation charges both ways, so that the privilege of taking books entails no expense to the borrower. Further particulars may be obtained by writing Miss Mary Pillsbury, Librarian.

The Commission and the Small Library Clubs

The commission has much interest in the formation of small library clubs in the various sections of the State. Experience has shown their value in reaching both the trustees and librarian of the small libraries and in assisting them to solve their problems. The Bay Path, the Berkshire County, the Cape Cod, the Southern Worcester and the Western Massachusetts library clubs have done active and efficient service in the field of library work. It is gratifying to know that other clubs are in process of formation in other parts of the Commonwealth. The members of the commission appreciate the readiness on the part of all of the library clubs to co-operate with them in the development and upbuilding of library conditions.

New Library Legislation

In order to make more effective the work among libraries, and especially among the smaller libraries, the commission recommended in its last report the establishment of some form of co-operation through the means of inter-library loans. In response to such recommendation the Legislature of 1911 passed the following: —

An Act to enlarge the Usefulness of the Free Public Library System.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any free city or town public library may lend its books or other library material to any other free public library in any city or town under such conditions and regulations as may be made in writing by the board of trustees or other authority having control of the library so lending. Any city or town may raise money to pay the expense of so borrowing books and other library material

from the library of any other city or town. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict or modify any power which any city or town, or any board of trustees or other authority in control of any free public library, now has to lend to, or permit the use of its books by, persons not citizens of such city or town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 14, 1911.*

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HILLER C. WELLMAN,
ANNA M. BANCROFT,
Commissioners.

APPENDICES

I. Notes of Library Progress.

II. Towns Classified as to Libraries.

III. Statistics of Free Public Libraries of Massachusetts.

IV. Roll of Honor. List of Givers of Free Public Library Buildings in Massachusetts.

V. Advisory Visitors, 1911–12.

Appendix I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

Abington. A gift of $5,000 has been made to the North Abington Branch Library by Mrs. Georgina S. Reed of North Abington.

Acton. *West Acton.* Citizen's Library Association. The property was left by Mr. Phineas Wetherbee, and includes a three-room house, a lot of land and some money. A tenement is rented and the library of 1,600 volumes occupies one room. The library is free to all.

Acushnet. A shelf of French books is in constant circulation, each reader being allowed one English and one French book.

Adams. By the will of the late Columbus N. Miller the library received a bequest of approximately $40,000 (estate not yet settled), one-half to be used for a building fund, the income of the other half for a book fund. The 33 German books are used somewhat. The shelves are open to the public. On the desk is a box containing a number of long sticks shaped like rulers. As a child goes to the shelves he is expected to take a stick with him and to lay it in the place of any book he takes out for examination, to show him where to put it back.

Amesbury. About 50 books in French have been purchased.

Amherst. *North Amherst.* The Librarian attended the summer course of the Simmons College Library Department, through the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

Arlington. Mr. Winfield Robbins (deceased November, 1910) gave more engravings to add to the large collection previously donated by him. There are a few books in foreign languages, but there is little call for them among the foreigners themselves. A debating club has been assisted, also the Arlington Heights Study Club, which has given several desirable books to the branch library there.

Ashland. Books have been given from the estate of Mrs. Frances E. Weston, Roxbury, Mass.

Athol. The catalogue is being gradually made over with Library of Congress Cards. The pay collection of fiction is very successful. The novels are not strictly limited to duplicates. Moving pictures have seriously affected the circulation.

ATTLEBOROUGH. Adult fiction has been recatalogued, Cutter numbers being discarded; adult non-fiction is being recatalogued. A bequest of $1,000 from Sarah F. Drown is acknowledged. There is a collection of French, German and Swedish books, 20 to 30 new ones being added to each section each year.

AUBURN. On June 27, 1911, the Merriam Library Building was dedicated. This was presented to the town by Mr. Leander S. Merriam of Auburn, and will be a source of much pride and pleasure.

AYER. An author catalogue is being made.

BARNSTABLE. Twenty-five books at a time are sent to the six other libraries in the township for six weeks, as the Sturgis Library was a gift to the town. The express is paid by the town.

Centreville Library Association. A gift of $100 from Mrs. Howard Marston has been made. Instead of sending books to be rebound, a repair kit has been purchased and the librarian does the work herself.

Cotuit. Money has been appropriated for the purchase of some Portuguese books. A few of the pamphlets issued by the North American Civic League for Immigrants have been used among the foreigners. Games are used to attract the children, and social hours are held in connection with the pictures from the Women's Education Association.

BARRE. In the corridor of the library is a blackboard on which are listed the important topics of the day and books relating to the same, noting articles in magazines and such other notices as may be of interest to the reading public. Typewritten lists of books are placed in the post-office.

BEDFORD. Books were at the school for use of the parents and children in connection with the Parent Teachers' Association.

BELCHERTOWN. Miss Lydia Barton, who has been librarian of the Clapp Memorial Library for twenty-four years, resigned June 1. Her assistant, Mrs. Cora Burnette, was appointed her successor.

BELLINGHAM. Books of fiction and magazines have been received from Mr. Frank Rand of Boston. Mr. John Albee of Silver Lake, N. H., has given the library books of non-fiction, and the Free Public Library Commission has sent books.

BERKLEY. Books are carried to the schools by men who are willing to give their assistance. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

BERLIN. The will of Mrs. Martha Rodman Sanderson of Charlestown gives the library $200, and $100 has been received from Mr. J. C. Bickford. There is an effort being made to use the South Berlin school as a deposit station, as the branch in that section of the town has been discontinued. Books were sent by the commission.

BERNARDSTON. Books especially for school use are kept and lent to the schools as required. Every effort is made to keep this department up to date.

BEVERLY. An appropriation of $110,000 has been made by the city for a new library building. Mr. Cass Gilbert of New York is to be the architect. For additional land for the new library site Miss E. P. Sohier has given $5,000, Mr. William Endicott $1,000, Mrs. R. D. Evans $500, Mr. W. D. Sohier $500 and Mr. Dudley Pickman $500. Ellen and R. H. Bancroft of Hale Farm, Beverly, have given an "Encyclopædia Britannica," the first instalment of a collection of reference books. A fiction catalogue has been printed. "Messages for newcomers," in Italian and Yiddish, — have been circulated with satisfactory results.

BLACKSTONE. This library has some French books which are seldom used.

BLANDFORD. A new library by-law permits the loan of two books on a card, and a larger circulation is the result. Donations of books and money from the summer residents are gratefully acknowledged. Books have been received from the commission.

BOSTON. The following gifts are recorded: Vizentini collection of operatic scores, etc., for the Allen A. Brown music room, from Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Rogers of Boston; various operatic scores by John Barnett ("father" of English opera) from the children of the composer, through Henry M. Rogers of Boston, for the Allen A. Brown collection; a collection of musical portrait prints, selected by Gustav Kobbé, presented by Charles H. Ditson. A new branch building for the Jamaica Plain Branch cost, above land, $30,000. It has been voted to build a new branch building at East Boston. Thirty thousand dollars has been voted for the library at Charlestown. A North End library will be built on North Bennett street. A special room in the library will be devoted to teachers, where they will have access to the latest educational periodicals and books on pedagogy and psychology.

BOURNE. Books and money amounting to $305 have been given by Mr. Robert W. Emmons, 2d, of Boston, Mr. George A. Gardiner of Monument Beach, Mrs. Marie T. Garland of Buzzards Bay and other summer residents.

BOXFORD. *West Boxford.* Gifts of books have been received as follows: 45 volumes from the Free Public Library Commission, 27 from Mr. Arthur Wilmarth of West Boxford, and 1 from Miss Webster, Lexington, Ky.

BOYLSTON. A volume of photographs of the Yosemite Valley has been received from the library of the late John B. Gough.

BREWSTER. The library received $37 from an entertainment by the young ladies.

BRIDGEWATER. A new plan of serving books to school children living outside the village was tried in the Scotland district last spring, and proved most acceptable. A boy carries 25 books to a convenient house in the district, the books being changed every two weeks. An effort is being made to introduce a similar plan in the Prattown district.

BRIMFIELD. A book-mending demonstration was held at this library in June, with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. Miss Morison of the Springfield library had charge of the work. Seven libraries were represented at the sessions, and the exhibit was very helpful and suggestive. Since the electric road has been run, several individuals take out books for neighbors, so the distributing center in East Brimfield is no longer necessary.

BROCKTON. An additional gift of $35,000 has been made by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, making the total $110,000. Excavations for the new building have been made. N. C. Smith of New Bedford is the architect.

BROOKFIELD. The unclassified books are gradually being catalogued. There are about 80 French books kept in the East Brookfield branch library. As there is no children's room, the library is opened for one hour Saturday mornings for the children. Then they may select their books and listen to stories. All children are invited to join the Boys' or Girls' Library Club. The Bay Path Library Club held its annual meeting at Brookfield, June 2, 1911.

BROOKLINE. The deposit station at Chestnut Hill was discontinued in the spring. In response to a request from the business and professional men, the experiment is being tried of keeping the library open for reading until 10 P.M.

BUCKLAND. The library at Shelburne Falls is free to the citizens of this town, and receives an appropriation of $200 from it.

CAMBRIDGE. The delivery station at 93 Rice Street was discontinued in July. The lack of patronage was chiefly due to its nearness to the North Cambridge branch library. The library has acquired an old broken cutlass of the time of the revolution, and a copper coin of George the Third's reign, which were dug up during the work of excavation for the new subway, near Harvard Square.

CANTON. Mr. Augustus Hemenway has again donated $1,500 toward the yearly expenses. The proceeds of the Fortnightly Club vaudeville are to be devoted to the library fund, which is growing to good size.

CARLISLE. In July, 1911, the library was classified and catalogued, with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

CARVER. The library was classified and catalogued in the summer by Miss Leonora O'Herron, recommended by the Free Public Library Commission. The will of Mrs. Rosa A. Cole, who died at Kingston, Feb. 4, 1911, left $1,000 to the Carver Public Library.

CHELMSFORD. *North Chelmsford.* Although there is a foreign-speaking population, there has never been any call for books written in foreign languages. They read English.

CHESHIRE. Books and magazines have been again received from the Reading Club. Posters made of the book covers of new books are very successful.

CHESTERFIELD. In March, 1911, the library was classified and catalogued, with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. Books also have been received from the commission.

CHICOPEE. Although there has been some unfortunate delay over the new building, it is at last well under way, and is to be completed June 1, 1912. The library has books in French and Polish for the foreigners.

CHILMARK. A gift of books from Mr. Charles F. D. Belden is acknowledged, and from the Free Public Library Commission.

COHASSET. The Cohasset Public Library is now merged with the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and administered by the directors of the same, but its Board holds control of its funds, and the books bought with its money are marked as belonging to it.

COLRAIN. The Western Massachusetts Library Club held its thirteenth annual meeting at this library on June 8, 1911. The librarian is making a catalogue.

CONCORD. The library is gradually being classified according to the Dewey Decimal system. During the past year a legacy of $1,000, given in the will of Miss Eliza Munroe for the building fund, was received by the corporation; and under a legacy of the same amount given in the will of Miss Mary Munroe for the same purpose, the sum of $150 was received by the corporation in part payment.

CONWAY. The librarian attended the summer library course at Simmons College, with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. There are books in German and French, and an effort is under way to provide for the Poles.

DALTON. The library was closed several weeks this summer while new steel shelves were installed. Z. Marshall Crane has presented the library with two large pictures.

DANVERS. The two delivery stations which have existed for ten years were discontinued because of non-use. Talks are given to teachers on the use of the library, with suggestions of best books.

DARTMOUTH. *North Dartmouth.* A complete card catalogue has been installed.

South Dartmouth. Gifts of books from several friends are acknowledged.

DEERFIELD. *South Deerfield.* The town library has a few Polish books which are well read. The Woman's Club is making an effort to start a library building fund. A few hundred dollars have been

raised. The periodical reading room, which was kept open all the time, without supervision, has been given up. Miss Alice Baker of Boston left the Dickinson library about 82 volumes from her private library. The library is being recatalogued and classified with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

DENNIS. A room has been built on to the village hall for the library.

DIGHTON. The building erected from funds given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie was dedicated Aug. 4, 1911. Since then the library has been open more to the public, and a card catalogue is to be arranged. Rev. A. Judson Rich, of Belmont, has given the library a Bible and a bust of Horace Mann; the Chippewa Dramatic Club of Dighton has donated a picture of Henry W. Longfellow; and Mr. Edgar Rich of Boston has given a picture, "The Aurora."

DOUGLAS. Mr. George A. Jepherson of Providence has given the library $100 for the purchase of reference books. The French, Swedish and Finnish people patronize the library constantly, but the other foreigners are mostly illiterate. The clubs use the library freely.

DRACUT. There are three delivery stations, at Collinsville, Navy and Kenwood. Books of the year are printed in the town report.

DUDLEY. The printed catalogue and supplements have been tried, but were not found practicable. The Stevens Linen Works, Dudley, Mass., have given the library fuel and janitor service.

DUNSTABLE. The library has been classified and catalogued with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. Books also have been received from the commission.

EAST BRIDGEWATER. About 20 French books have been donated.

EAST LONGMEADOW. Schoolhouses were tried as deposit stations, but the experiment was not successful. Some books in the Swedish language have been given by the Free Public Library Commission, and 41 volumes by Mrs. Pillsbury.

EASTON. The "pay collection" is reported as successful. There is a collection of Swedish books, a list of which is published.

EDGARTOWN. About 40 books of travel were given by Mr. F. Apthorp Foster, a summer resident, and the Woman's Club has donated some library furnishings and occasional books. The library is being classified and catalogued with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

ENFIELD. A new card index was placed in the Enfield Library Association rooms in July. Books are acknowledged from friends.

ERVING. The Woman's Education Association has presented the library with 22 books.

EVERETT. The gift of the "National Cyclopædia of America Biography" has been received from Mr. Albert N. Parlin, Boston.

FALL RIVER. The following gifts are recorded: complete files of "Fall River Monitor," and a copy of every paper ever published in Fall

River, from Mrs. Henry S. Buffinton; complete set of "Fall River Daily News" from Mr. Franklin L. Almy; a painting from Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Chase; a deed bearing the pendant seal and signature of William Penn from Hon. John J. McDonough. Books in French, German and Yiddish are on the shelves, and it is the intention of the trustees to add some in Italian, Portuguese and Polish.

FITCHBURG. The schoolhouses at West Fitchburg and South Fitchburg were used during the year as deposits. Through the courtesy of the Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club the Wright collection of birds has been placed as a loan in the art gallery. Miss Eleanor Norcross of Paris has given the library 600 rare engravings and prints. The library has several foreign collections, and distributes lists of them freely.

FREETOWN. The library has been classified and catalogued, with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. The trustees had Miss Ruby Tillinghast come from Boston to mend the books and demonstrate simple methods of books repairing.

GARDNER. The library has recently adopted the plan of allowing an unlimited number of non-fiction books. In July a duplicate pay collection of new fiction was started, and has been found fairly successful. There are small collections of French and Swedish books in the library.

GILL. With the aid of the Free Public Library Commission the Gill Center and Riverside libraries were classified and catalogued. At Riverside the library was moved into new quarters, attractively renovated, near the store.

GLOUCESTER. Free City Library, discontinued. This library was started in 1901 by Rev. J. J. Healy of St. Anne's Catholic Church. The building adjoins the parochial residence and was supported by Father Healy.

Magnolia. The summer residents have shown much interest in the library, and arranged a bridge party, the proceeds going to the library. Mr. R. N. Burnham has completed the clay model of the tablet to Miss Alice F. Story, who was for a score of years librarian of the public library.

GOSHEN. The John James Memorial Building was dedicated July 4, 1911. The library has been classified and catalogued, with the help of the Free Public Library Commission. Mr. J. C. Hammond of Northampton presented the library with a case of birds. Books were received from the commission.

GRAFTON. A building site has been given by Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Grace Forbush Dresser and Mrs. Florence Bird. Library of Congress cards have been introduced. The librarian has visited some of the schools and talked with the pupils about the use of the catalogue and the books.

GREAT BARRINGTON. The architect of the Mason Memorial Building are Blanchard & Barnes of New York, and construction is under way. Through the will of Mrs. Isabella G. A. Whitney of Great Barrington $100 was received. The library has a small collection of French books, but none for the Italians or Germans.

Housatonic. The library has on its shelves French, German, Syrian and Polish books. A Polish daily paper is taken. Free use of the library is allowed to persons living in adjoining towns within certain limits, and a small fee is charged to those at a greater distance and to nonresidents.

GREENFIELD. The library sends books to the new library at Montague City, treating it as a deposit station. Books and newspapers in French, German and Polish are provided. Periodicals are circulated in the outlaying districts in the following manner: the library furnishes three magazines, and two are supplied by two families interested in the success of the plan. Ffteen families in two school districts are served in this way, and the driver of the school team helps to cover some of the long distances between houses. It is suggested that a week in a place is enough. The librarian is collecting cheap pictures from magazines and other sources and filing them in envelopes in a case for teachers and children to use.

GROVELAND. *South Groveland.* Special list of about 400 volumes is kept for the exclusive use of the schools, and was bought upon the approval of the school superintendent. The fine system has been entirely abolished.

HADLEY. The library has a few books in Polish.

HALIFAX. A catalogue is in preparation. The hours of opening have been changed from Saturday evenings only to every afternoon and evening except Sundays and holidays. The grange has this year made a loan of books on agriculture.

HAMILTON. By the will of Zeviah Dane the library received about 300 volumes.

HAMPDEN. A room in the town hall is under consideration for the library. The town appropriated money to repair the town hall, with one room for a library and reading room.

HANOVER. A gift of $15,000 was left the library by Miss Alice M. Curtis of Wellesley, for the John Curtis Free Public Library.

HANSON. A bequest of $100 was made the Hanson Library Association and Hanson Public Library in the will of Sarah E. White of Hanson.

HARDWICK. *Gilbertville.* The foundation for the new library, which is to be presented to the town next spring, by Col. Edward H. Gilbert, has been completed. The site is the gift of the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company; the building will cost about $15,000. The architects are E. C. & G. C. Gardner of Springfield.

HARWICH. A clock has been presented to the library by Mr. B. D. Eldridge of Harwich.

West Harwich. The new Chase library building was dedicated on June 30. The chandelier is a present from the Hon. J. P. Edwards of Dennisport. The piano was donated by the summer residents. The books were classified and catalogued before the dedication with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

HATFIELD. Inquiries made of the foreigners a year ago, with offer to purchase books, brought no response.

HAVERHILL. A $1,500 instalment on the original bequest of Mr. J. H. Carleton of Haverhill has been received. Gifts of books, magazines, pictures and music were received from 32 persons; 272 volumes have been accessioned as gifts. The duplicate pay collection of new fiction is very popular. The library is being recatalogued. Many foreign collections are on the shelves. Books are sent every four weeks to 70 grammar school rooms, including 4 in the parochial school. Ten traveling libraries circulate during the school year through the 10 union or district schools.

HAWLEY. A few books have been received.

HEATH. The catalogue was revised and a classification installed with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. Some books are obtained for the Canadian French.

HINGHAM. *Nantasket.* The Nantasket Library receives appropriations from the three towns, Hull, Hingham and Cohasset, and serves parts of all three. This year the towns made an extra appropriation, which, with gifts from summer residents, made it possible to buy and repair a building on Jerusalem Road. The library occupies a large room on the second floor, which can also be used for a hall. It is intended to give illustrated lectures here, and in this way bring the library still more in touch with the people of the neighborhood. The shelves have been thrown open to the public, and a few French books supplied. The library, besides the work in Nantasket, supplies books in Hull as far as Kenberma station on the beach, to North Cohasset station in Cohasset, and Forest Avenue, and also has patrons from various parts of Hingham. The main street, on which the library is situated, is the boundary line between Hingham and Cohasset, and the boundry between these two towns and Hull is but a stone's throw from the building.

HOLBROOK. There is a collection of French books which is seldom used by any but students. The pupils of the Sumner High School gave an entertainment November 3 in aid of a fund for the installation of a reference library in the school building; over $100 was cleared. Mr. Everett Holbrook gave $50 to the fund.

HOLLAND. The town voted to build a library and to borrow the necessary money. The foundations are now complete and the building will be erected immediately. Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge of Boston has donated the plans. In addition to the library there will be quarters for the town officers.

HOLLISTON. Gifts of books are acknowledged.

HOLYOKE. Books are supplied in several foreign languages, and leading members of different nationalities in the city are consulted concerning additions. The circulation of books in foreign languages continues greater in proportion to the number of volumes than any other class of books in the library.

HOPEDALE. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Osgood have presented the library with a framed original portrait of Whittier, done by Cephas Thompson for the firm of Fields, Osgood & Co. Certificates are given for summer reading from a selected list for the schools, by grades. The certificates were presented by the chairman of the trustees at the school on its opening in the fall. New books are on the shelves for inspection for two weeks before being put in circulation.

HOPKINTON. The library was classified and catalogued in the summer, the Free Public Library Commission supervising the work.

HULL. About 50 books have been presented by nonresidents.

HYDE PARK. Now that Hyde Park has become a part of Boston, there will be some radical changes in the library, as the system now used differs from that of the Boston Public Library.

IPSWICH. Mr. Thomas Lindall Winthrop of Cambridge has given the library two photographs of Ipswich, Eng. Readers are now allowed the use of as many non-fiction books as they need.

KINGSTON. A bequest from Mr. Byron C. Quimby of $500, with accrued interest of $76.95, has been received. The will of Mrs. Rosa A. Cole of Kingston left the library $5,000. A portrait of Capt. Henry B. Maglathlin, a former trustee, has been received.

LAKEVILLE. Miss Mary Montgomery of Redlands, Cal., has given the library $50. A dance held November 18 netted a substantial sum toward the library building. A sewing circle also works to raise funds for the building. Books have been received from the commission.

LANCASTER. The library receives $5,000 by the will of Nathaniel Thayer, the income to be used for the purchase of books.

LANESBOROUGH. Mrs. Maria H. Newton left her real and personal estate to the town of Lanesborough to be used for a town hall, to contain the town offices and the library. The will is at present in the courts.

LEE. A number of Italian books are added from time to time for the foreigners.

LEICESTER. The Cherry Valley branch has been moved from the crowded schoolhouse to the rear of a store on Main Street. There are a few French books for those foreigners.

LENOX. There are French, German and Italian books for the foreigners. The library and the Charles Sedgwick reading room are to be merged into one. Mr. L. M. Sedgwick of Kansas City, Mo., has presented the library with 20 revolutionary papers, bearing the names of members of the Sedgwick family in New England. A gift of $250 has also been received from him.

LEOMINSTER. The library is endeavoring to eliminate every rule possible, the really necessary ones being elastic. The circulation is increasing at the rate of 1,000 a month. This is largely due to the "spirit of accommodation" and to the new principle of allowing an unrestricted number of books on a card, — except new books. The French library is used freely, and the demand is increasing, but the one French magazine is seldom opened. The duplicate pay collection is freely patronized, and is not only self-supporting, but during the year has bought all the new fiction for the free library.

LEVERETT. Books have been received from the commission. There are special books in the library for the use of the teachers.

LEXINGTON. A gift of $500, has been made by Mrs. C. C. Goodwin as a nucleus in forming a music collection.

LINCOLN. The will of John H. Pierce leaves $1,000 to the library. A basket of books is taken every week to South Lincoln, and the people call for them. These books are generally ordered first by telephone.

LONGMEADOW. The library has been catalogued, and a new charging system installed.

LOWELL. There are many books for the foreign element in the population, including some books in modern Greek. A new Centralville branch library has been opened at Wells's drug store, and, if the demand warrants, branches will be placed in other parts of the city. A room has been specially arranged for the high school students.

LUNENBURG. A bequest of $2,000 has been received, the income to be used for the benefit of the library. Numerous gifts of books and pictures are acknowledged. Shelves are now open to the public, a children's room has been opened, and the books have been arranged by subject.

LYNN. The library was closed during July for repairs, a new stack was added and many improvements made. Good work is being accomplished in the department for the blind. A great need is felt for branch libraries. Many gifts of books, paintings, photographs and curios have been received.

LYNNFIELD. It is hoped to use schoolhouses as deposit stations before long. An organization has been formed to work for the erection of a branch library building. It is proposed to have the library a memorial to the revolution and civil war soldiers, and the committee have already begun working toward this end.

MALDEN. The gift of $1,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. L. B. Hill has been used to erect wrought-iron gates at the entrance of the library. The late Osgood W. Waitt left the library a painting by Snider, and a character engraving of Joseph Jefferson as Caleb Plummer. One deposit station has been discontinued, as the person in charge started a circulating library.

MANCHESTER. Various gifts of books are acknowledged.

MANSFIELD. The library has received four pictures by bequest from Elizabeth Noble, and one picture from the New Century Club.

MARBLEHEAD. The library has received a gift of $50 from Mr. Richard S. Mason of Germantown, Pa., a summer resident. The library was closed for three weeks in the summer to install new lights and for cleaning. The librarian calls attention to the pressing need of new quarters.

MARLBOROUGH. The library was closed a month for repairs. Foreigners are supplied with books in French, Italian and Greek.

MARSHFIELD. Seven delivery stations are maintained, and deposits of ten books are offered to each school without time limit but subject to recall by the librarian.

MAYNARD. The library has been catalogued. Efforts are being made to start a campaign for a new building.

MEDFORD. The "Boston Sunday Herald" pictures, framed, have been circulated for one week at a time among the children. The library has a small foreign collection.

MEDWAY. The Dean Library Association Library was destroyed by fire in June. The library is now open again for the circulation of books in a small room until a larger place is ready. About 500 books have been gathered together to begin with.

MELROSE. Mr. Roland W. Harris of Andover has presented to the library a cabinet containing a valuable collection of mounted butterflies. The duplicate library is successful. There are books in French and German for the foreign population. The Woman's Club is spending $1,000 for the Mary A. Livermore Library of sacred art, to be located in the public library.

MIDDLEFIELD. Letters are sent to teachers asking them to send in names of pupils who never use the library, and also to take books for school use or for circulation among pupils.

MIDDLETON. Books are renewed for school use, thus avoiding fines. Teachers are asked to supply lists of books desired, and are allowed to take books to the schools for supplementary reading. Miss Lillian P. Fletcher has been appointed librarian.

MILLBURY. Books in French are being introduced.

MILLIS. With the help of the commission the library has been rearranged, the catalogue revised and a children's corner provided. A branch has been started at Rockville. Teachers are allowed to take as many books to the schools as they require and to keep them so long as they are useful.

MILTON. Books and mounted pictures are sent on deposit to the schools. The reference assistant works with pupils and teachers at the library, and the children's librarian makes frequent visits to the schools. The Woman's Club, Education Society and Historical Society work with the library.

MONSON. The library was closed six weeks while steel stacks were installed and other improvements made. A reading room was opened for that period in another building. Gifts of books are acknowledged.

MONTAGUE. The Western Massachusetts Library Club spent a delightful day at Montague on Thursday, October 19. More books are loaned to the schools than to other patrons of the library.

Turner's Falls. Miss Batson, the librarian, resigned, and has been succeeded by Miss Louise S. Partenheimer. Gifts have been received as follows; 150 books from Mr. William Russell, a former resident, now of New York, and the loan of a bust of Shakespeare; 2 engravings from Mrs. N. B. Hall and an interesting book on India from the Monday Afternoon Club. The Woman's Club is meeting the extra expense of keeping the library open for reading on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5. Twenty-five French books are provided.

Montague City. Through the efforts of Miss Ella M. Hazelton, with the co-operation of the Ladies' Industrial Society, a little library has been opened in the basement of the Montague City chapel. Books are regularly sent by the librarians at Greenfield and Turner's Falls, and exchanged at intervals. These, together with gifts from friends, form a small collection which is open to the residents of Greenfield and Turner's Falls as well as to the citizens of Montague City. The library hours are from 4 to 6 and 7 to 8 Saturdays, and from 5 to 6 Wednesdays. The library is subject to the rules and regulations of the town library.

MONTGOMERY. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission and the Woman's Education Association.

NANTUCKET. The library has received several gifts of books, among the largest donors being Mrs. William C. Brewster of New York, Miss Madeleine C. Mixter of Boston, and Mr. William C. Gardner of Nantucket.

NATICK. *South Natick.* Gifts of books have been received from Mrs. Stillman, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs Sargent.

NEW ASHFORD. A number of books have been received from Mrs. Homer B. Nash of Pittsfield and Mr. Smith of Williamstown.

NEW BEDFORD. The Woman's Club has instituted a weekly course of talks and readings for the blind in a special room used for a collection of books for the blind. There are books in French, Portuguese, Yiddish and Greek. The Hebrew population is particularly appreciative of its opportunities. The Massachusetts Library Club met here on Thursday, October 26.

NEW SALEM. Millington, North Prescott and Cooleyville have each had branches, and it is hoped that some public-spirited person may be found in each locality who will undertake the work again.

NEWBURYPORT. South End Reading Room. Books have been received from friends, and the public library has generously allowed the reading room the use of new books for the boys and girls. An endowment fund has been started by William E. Chase, who contributed $50 to it and an additional $10 for the purchase of books. A "Regina" music box has been presented by Mrs. C. E. Waters. The reading room records an attendance of 2,426 children in the eight months it has been open.

NEWTON. Italians, French and Poles are supplied with books in their native languages, and also with books to teach them English. Many Women's Clubs use the library, and some of them help the library financially to a small extent. Books are sent to every teacher desiring them. School circulation for 1910, 25,500.

NORTH ADAMS. Instruction in use of the library is given the ninth grade, high school and normal school scholars. The library has books in Italian and German, and buys a good many books to help the foreigners learn English and to give them information about naturalization. A deposit station has again been opened in the East Mountain school. Mrs. Lillie of the Braytonville school distributes discarded books through the "Notch." The firemen, like some of the teachers, prefer discarded books and often ask for them.

NORTH ANDOVER. Books are sent to six school rooms for home use.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH. Mrs. E. D. French of North Attleborough has presented the library with a beautiful book plate, largely the work of Edwin D. French. A number of French books have recently been purchased and several easy reading books for foreigners. This library has not open shelves, but a table has been arranged displaying attractive books of history, travel and science, and this collection has been largely used. During the past year the reference work has nearly doubled.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. There is a large population of French people, and the library has quite a good selection of books in that language, but most of them call for English. A story hour on

Saturday mornings in the reading room has been started. The stories are told the children by volunteers.

NORTHAMPTON. Forbes Library. Mr. W. P. Cutter has resigned his position as librarian, and has been succeeded by Mr. J. L. Harrison, librarian of the Providence Athenæum.

Lilly Library, Florence. The library, which was formerly open for five hours on Sundays, is now closed on that day on account of lack of funds. Books are received monthly from the Forbes library.

NORTHBOROUGH. Nelson's Encyclopædia has been given the library.

NORTHBRIDGE. Edward and Arthur F. Whitin will build a public library for Northbridge at a cost of $80,000. The donors are grandsons of the founder of Whitinsville, and have been generous contributors toward other public buildings.

NORTON. Two schoolhouse stations have been discontinued since April.

NORWOOD. The librarian has met the English teacher of the high school, with her classes, at the library, on certain mornings out of library hours, to assist in teaching pupils to use periodical indexes and literature. A second assistant has been added to the staff.

OAKHAM. The library has received from the town and by small subscriptions a fund of $620.78, the income only to be used. The library has been classified and catalogued with the aid of the commission.

ORANGE. Among the new books added are some in the Swedish language. A duplicate fiction collection is successful.

OXFORD. The librarian and assistant have asked six prominent women to assist in the selection of fiction. This has been a great success. Some French books and a French magazine are provided. The local historical collection is growing, the collection of photographs of historic houses being particularly large. A story-telling entertainment was very successful. When the noise in the children's room became annoying, the librarian made a little leaflet, folded once, with a water-color sketch on the cover of a lady in Watteau costume. This was hung from the chandelier, where it caught the eye of the children on the way to the desk. On the outside it said, "My lady goes a-visiting," and upon opening it these words were found, "But in the public library she does not visit aloud."

PALMER. Arrangements have been made and the stacks are now open to the public.

PAXTON. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

PEABODY. Peabody Institute Library. Some years ago, through interpreters, the library tried to interest the Greeks, and added

books and newspapers. This population is so shifting that little good came of it. The Turks seem to fear all advances. Lists of books are prepared regularly for the Woman's Club and for any church or other organization upon request.

PELHAM. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission, and from the Armstrong Brothers of Northampton. Books are loaned to the schools for the entire term.

PEPPERELL. Books have been received from the estate of Dr. S. W. Fletcher of Pepperell. These books are chiefly botanical. A reading room has been opened in East Pepperell, in an unoccupied schoolhouse. The reading room is not a branch of the Lawrence library, but has been formed to meet the needs of this part of the town, where there is a large population, including many Poles.

PETERSHAM. A fiction card catalogue has been started. It has been found helpful to put on a table in an attractive corner of the library books on various subjects, together with fiction.

PHILLIPSTON. With the aid of the Free Public Library Commission the useless books in the library have been weeded out, and a new printed catalogue put under way.

PITTSFIELD. A gift of $2,000 has been received from the Hand estate, 1,500 volumes from the estate of Bishop Worthington, 800 volumes from the estate of Robert Adams; and from the local American Institute of Electrical engineers and General Electric Co., subscription for technical works, $150.00. The foreign books are freely used, and it is found helpful to post the rules, etc., in a foreign language.

PLAINFIELD. The library has been classified and catalogued, with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. Books also have been received from the commission.

PLYMOUTH. A friend of the library has donated $50 for books. Mrs. Theodore P. Adams of Plymouth has given a collection of music.

PLYMPTON. The members of the town of Plympton Library Association held a fete on August 9. There were tableaux illustrative of early local history. Books have been received from the commission.

PRESCOTT. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. A special catalogue is in preparation.

PROVINCETOWN. A set of Portuguese books has been purchased.

QUINCY. A deposit of about 15 books on subjects connected with their industry has been sent to the Boston Gear Works for the use of their employees. The teachers have 10 books for each grade. Story hours are held in the children's room, to which the pupils of the schools in outlying sections of the city are invited. The percentage of fiction in the circulation in the children's room is

3½ per cent. less than last year in a lessened circulation of 1,382, due to a new school in a distant section; but use of the room is larger in spite of the withdrawal of those children who formerly spent the noon hour there. A beginning has been made in adding books of musical compositions. The Quincy Woman's Club contributed $50 as the nucleus of a fund for the purchase of books for children. Books in Italian and French are provided, and one Italian periodical is circulated. The branch reading room, new last year, is proving most successful. Deposits have been increased from 500 to 640.

RANDOLPH. The library possesses an extensive and well-selected collection, also French and German books and a few in other languages.

READING. Odd Fellows' Hall, the first floor of which was occupied by the public library, was burned Nov. 27, 1911. Fortunately all the books were not destroyed. Wakefield has tendered the privileges of its library until Reading has another.

REHOBOTH. The library, which was in Goff Memorial Hall, was burned last July; a few of the books were saved.

REVERE. A large picture of Stephen A. Hall has been given to the library by Mrs. Hall of Revere; Mr. James Fiske has given a picture of Mark Twain; Mrs. Augusta Cheney of Natick, a picture of Horatio Alger; and several articles of interest have been added to the historical collection. A supplement to the large catalogue has been printed.

RICHMOND. Books added each year are printed in the town report. The grange transferred, in 1892, its books to the library, and its members are now the best patrons. There are a number of Italians, but as yet no provision has been made for them. A few Italian books would be useful.

ROWE. The library has been classified and catalogued with the help of the Free Public Library Commission. Lists of useful books are given each teacher.

ROWLEY. The library was classified and catalogued with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. The will of Mrs. Lydia A. Henderson of Rowley leaves $1,000 to the library. Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno has given $100. Books have been received from the Jewett family of Haverhill, and from the commission.

ROYALSTON. The Newton town library building was dedicated June 28, 1911, and the library has since been classified and catalogued with the help of the Free Public Library Commission. It is expected to print a new catalogue in the spring.

RUSSELL. The library was classified and catalogued with the help of the Free Public Library Commission. Books also were received from the commision.

RUTLAND. Books have been received from Katharine Munroe of Lexington and from the Woman's Education Association. The librarian attended the summer course in library work at Simmons College.

SALEM. Land has been purchased for an addition to the main building and for one branch. The balance of the Wm. J. Cheever bequest has been received, and $350 from Mrs. E. O. P. Sturgis of Salem for the purchase of books. Branches were opened in the schoolhouses in the spring of 1910.

SANDWICH. The Weston Memorial Library was dedicated on June 17, 1911. The building has been described in preceding reports. There is a story hour every Saturday morning, when one of the ladies in the town tells the stories, illustrating them with colored pictures. The room is decorated by these pictures, drawn by herself as she tells the story.

SCITUATE. The Allen Memorial Library was dedicated July 15, 1911. The building is a gift to the Allen Library Association, formerly the Satuit Library Association, of George Otis Allen and Miss Cornelia Maria Allen, in memory of their father and mother. Mrs. Charles T. Gallagher presented the library with an oak case mantle clock.

SHARON. At a special town meeting held in October the town voted money to move the library into more suitable quarters, and to pay the rent. The library is now housed in a vacant store and the change will be most advantageous. The library hours have been increased, and the age of issuing cards has been reduced. A new charging system is being installed. A lot has already been purchased, and it is hoped that enough money may be raised to erect a new library building before long. A vaudeville entertainment was given November 21, under the auspices of the Fortnightly Club, for the benefit of the new public library building.

SHEFFIELD. It is expected to print a new catalogue this year. Books have been presented by the Rev. Mr. Stearns of Sheffield.

SHELBURNE FALLS. The library is free to citizens of Shelburne and Buckland, the latter town appropriating $200 to the support of the library.

SHIRLEY. Mr. H. M. Dickson of Shirley presented carefully selected books to the value of $50. A few volumes in French and a few pamphlets in modern Greek are provided for foreigners.

SOMERSET. Books have been received from the estate of E. E. Hathaway of Fall River, and from the Free Public Library Commission. Mr. Frank Sweet of Attleborough has presented shrubbery for the grounds. The town appropriation has been increased from $300 in 1910 to $500.

SOMERVILLE. Mr. Drew B. Hall was appointed to succeed Mr. Sam Walter Foss, who died Feb. 26, 1911. The library owns a number of French, German, Italian and Spanish books, and has a special card catalogue of foreign languages. Mr. S. Newton Cutler of Somerville left $6,000 to the city of Somerville, $5,000 to establish the Newton Cutler fund, the income to be used for purchasing books for the school libraries, and the balance for books for the public library.

SOUTH HADLEY. A Woman's Club, grange and Daughters of the Revolution use the library in the preparation of papers.

SOUTH HADLEY FALLS. The librarian attended the summer course in library work at Simmons College.

SOUTHAMPTON. The library has received $180 from the estate of Mr. Joseph Lyman of California.

SOUTHBOROUGH. The number of trustees has been changed from 15 to 7. It is expected to move into a new building early in 1912. The land for the new building was given to the town by the heirs of Joseph Burnett, the town building the library. The library has a number of books on agriculture for the use of the grange and farmers.

SOUTHBRIDGE. One hundred books have been received from Mr. Charles C. Newhall of Southbridge, and a Catholic Encyclopædia given by the Catholic Society of the town. Books are supplied in French, Italian and Greek, and aids for learning English for both the French and Italian population. Several magazines are contributed to the library. The subscriber sends them after they have been read to the library. This makes them only about two weeks old. The library gives much help to the literary club, musical society and grange.

SPENCER. All of the biography has been reclassified. French books are provided, but a larger supply would be useful. The librarian finds advertising of great benefit. Attention is called to new books and to other books in the library on the same subjects.

SPRINGFIELD. The new library building is about completed, and will be opened to the public in the near future. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has added $25,000 to his gift of $175,000 for the new building. Many generous gifts for the building fund have been received from the citizens of Springfield, and also valuable books and paintings. Books are provided in more than a dozen languages, and lesson books, also, to aid foreigners in learning English. Lists are distributed through the evening schools and other agencies inviting foreigners to use the library. The beginning of a collection of Dano-Norwegian literature has been made. Traveling libraries are sent to 23 institutions, and deposits to 277 classrooms.

STERLING. A schoolhouse station has recently been started and is so far very successful.

STOCKBRIDGE. A valuable old document on the Stockbridge Indians, written by Jonathan Edwards, has been presented to the library by Bernhard Hoffmann. A new steam heating apparatus has recently been installed. Books are acknowledged from friends.

STOW. A valuable collection of African curios has been left to the library by the late Mr. Lewis Parks, given to him by Alonzo Parks, who spent forty years with the natives of Africa.

SUNDERLAND. The library has been presented with a sepia portrait of the late Dr. C. G. Trow, formerly a member of the Board of Trustees. The 20 Polish books bought about seven years ago are either worn out or lost. The younger element in the foreign population makes excellent use of the books in English. The librarian is cataloguing the library. The magazine indexes are found invaluable. The Woman's Club gives the library $15 annually for magazines. Books have been received from the commission.

SUTTON. A card catalogue is in preparation.

SWANSEA. A new delivery station, at Touisset, was started in June. Mrs. Elizabeth R. Stevens has added $500 to the bequest of Frank S. Stevens, making a total of $3,000, the interest to be used for the purchase of books. A cabinet and base for a card catalogue has been received from Miss Mary A. Case. A card catalogue is in preparation.

TAUNTON. A new reading room at Weir Village is to be established. The French population make good use of the books in their language.

TEWKSBURY. The new card catalogue was ready for use in October. One of the librarians gave instruction on its use to all wishing it. A box of 50 books has been sent to the church library for distribution, to be changed monthly.

TOLLAND. Mr. C. B. Chapin of New Jersey has donated books to the library.

TRURO. The trustees are considering the possibility of a new building, having received $700 for that purpose under the will of David Lombard, as stated in the last report of the commission.

TYNGSBOROUGH. By the will of the late Mary E. Bancroft of Tyngsborough, $10,000 is left for the erection of a new library, to be known as the Bennett Library, provided the town will give land suitable for a building site. Miss Ellen L. Perham resigned her position as librarian and was succeeded, on June 1, by Miss Jennie J. Bancroft. With the exception of new books, patrons of the library are allowed to take out as many volumes as they like. The library has a number of French books.

TYRINGHAM. Mr. Robb de P. Tytus of Tyringham has donated $20 to the library.

UXBRIDGE. The French books are well used. Certificates of good reading are given the children. Pictures and stuffed birds are lent the teachers, and they are invited to bring the children to art exhibits at the library.

WAKEFIELD. Gifts of books and periodicals are acknowledged. The regular and special privileges of the Wakefield library have been extended to the people of Reading, until the latter replace the volumes lost by fire.

WALES. A small literary club, which meets in the winter, usually gives its magazines and books to the library.

WALPOLE. A few books in French, German and Italian have been added during the year.

WALTHAM. This library has successfully tried the plan of rotating the old non-fiction on the open shelves beside the new. None but the best books were put out. Attempts have been made to get in touch with the foreign population by seeing the mill superintendents, night school teachers, nurses, etc.

WARE. Several changes have been made in the interior arrangement of the building and more businesslike methods of administration have been introduced. The rules for readers have been made much more generous. The French books have been read and appreciated by those employed in the mills. A duplicate collection of recent fiction has been introduced, and the charge is one cent a day.

WAREHAM. The delivery station at West Wareham has been discontinued since last spring. The Monday Club gave $100 to the library.

WATERTOWN. The library has books in French, German, Latin, Greek and other languages. A large and efficient Woman's Club is allowed to use the library at hours when it is not opened to the Public.

WEBSTER. A catalogue for juveniles is under way. A gift of $50 has been received from Mrs. H. N. Slater, a trustee. A Yiddish society has presented to the library a small Yiddish collection. A story-telling afternoon is very successful. A few technical books are bought every year for the workmen in the cotton mills, and are much appreciated.

WENDELL. Mr. George Kent presented the library with the "Saturday Evening Post." Books are loaned to the schools and to Farley.

WENHAM. The Ladies' Village Improvement Society has rendered valuable service during the last few years. The town made a

special appropriation of $500 for printing a catalogue, of which $353 was expended, leaving a balance of $147 to be returned to the town treasury.

WEST BOYLSTON. Mr. G. Calvin Rice has given the town a new library building, to be known as the Beaman Memorial Library. The cost is to be not less than $20,000, and the architects are Frost, Briggs & Chamberlain of Worcester.

WEST BRIDGEWATER. The library has been classified and catalogued, and a catalogue printed. Electric lights have been installed. Mrs. M. K. Crosby has presented two pictures to the library.

WEST BROOKFIELD. This year the current numbers of the expensive magazines are being circulated.

WEST TISBURY. Duplicate books have been exchanged with all the other libraries on the island. Of those still left a number have been sold at "bargain rates." On November 3 a round-table conference was held at this library, under the auspices of the Free Public Library Commission. It was well attended and successful. The Portuguese children make much use of the library books. The library often lends its building to the clubs in town for meetings and rehearsals. The library is free to all residents of West Tisbury and Chilmark. Books have been received from the commission.

WESTBOROUGH. Several contests were introduced to interest the children, and they were enthusiastic over them. A steel engraving of Lincoln and his cabinet, painted in 1864, has been received from Dr. E. B. Harvey, and 100 views of Panama from Mr. Oliver Kimball. The Bay Path Library Club met here October 17.

WESTFIELD. Books for learning English are provided and books in Polish and Yiddish.

WESTFORD. Four school deposits have been started within the last year, Graniteville, Forge, Parkerville and Westford. One in Westford serves only children brought from a distance. In this school baskets are sent to all rooms except primary. All schools included in plan except high school.

WESTPORT. *Head of Westport.* Westport Public Library. The small building used for a library has been sold and the money used to fit up the upper room of the large building, which now has a kitchen, banquet hall and stack room, with new furnishings throughout. Books have been received by the bequest of Chas. E. Dana of New Bedford a former resident.

Westport Point. A village house is being built in which the library will be housed after the opening of 1912.

WESTWOOD. The library has been presented with 150 volumes from the library of the late Col. James M. Ellis of Westwood.

WEYMOUTH. *South Weymouth.* Fogg Library. This library was incorporated Dec. 13, 1910. The Fogg Library fair netted $684.74.

WHATELY. Two delivery stations, East Whately and West Whately, have been started during the past year in private houses.

WHITMAN. The library is being reclassified by the Dewey system.

WINCHENDON. The Beals Memorial Library will be ready to turn over to the town in the spring. The rough work is nearly completed, but the roof and finishing must be done. It is expected that the library will soon be reclassified and recatalogued.

WINCHESTER. The primers and easy readers in English have been very much used by the Italian population.

WINDSOR. Gifts of books from Mrs. Crane of Dalton and Mrs. Bumpus of Quincy are acknowledged. The librarian believes Windsor has more granges than any other town of its size, having two subordinate granges, and is anxious to know how to be of greater use to them.

WINTHROP. E. A. Buss of Winthrop presented the library with two rare steel engravings, representing scenes from Shakespeare's plays. The library aids the clubs by purchasing all books which will aid them in their work, and also by posting lists of books on subjects which they are discussing.

WOBURN. The high school has been used this year as a deposit station, and lectures are given at the high school by the librarian. The library has a limited supply of language primers. The Woman's Club maintains reading lists at the library.

WORCESTER. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered three branch libraries, and the city council has accepted the offer. A great many foreign books are supplied and lists are published. A special teacher's room is maintained. A picture collection, a poem collection and a special collection of about 3,800 books are provided and sent to the schools.

WORTHINGTON. Deposit stations have been started in three more schoolhouses. The library has been classified and catalogued with the help of the Free Public Library Commission.

YARMOUTH. Mrs. Gorham Bacon, a summer resident, has presented to the library a Bible which belonged to the Rev. John Simpkins, Unitarian minister in Brewster from 1791–1831.

YARMOUTH. *South Yarmouth.* Free Social Library. Summer residents united with villagers in an entertainment, and a local whist club raised funds for the library.

Appendix II

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the management of the libraries: —

Class 1

Towns which have Libraries owned and controlled by the Town and Free for Circulation to All the People.

Abington,
Acushnet,
Adams,
Agawam,
Alford,
Amesbury,
Andover,
Arlington,
Ashburnham,
Ashby,
Ashland,
Athol,
Attleborough,
Auburn,
Avon,
Bellingham,
Belmont,
Berkley,
Berlin,
Beverly,
Blackstone,
Blandford,
Bolton,
Boston,
Bourne,
Boxborough,
Boylston,
Bridgewater,
Brimfield,
Brockton,
Brookfield,
Brookline,
Burlington,
Cambridge,
Canton,
Carlisle,
Carver,
Charlemont,
Charlton,
Chelmsford,
Chelsea,
Chester,
Chesterfield,
Chicopee,
Chilmark,
Clarksburg,
Clinton,
Cohasset,
Colrain,
Dalton,
Dana,
Dartmouth,
Dedham,
Deerfield,
Dennis,
Dighton,
Douglas,
Dover,
Dracut,
Dudley,
Dunstable,
East Bridgewater,
Eastham,
East Longmeadow,
Edgartown,
Egremont,
Erving,
Essex,
Everett,
Fall River,
Falmouth,
Fitchburg,
Florida,
Foxborough,
Framingham,
Freetown,
Gay Head,
Gill,
Goshen,
Gosnold,
Granby,

Granville,
Greenfield,
Greenwich,
Groton,
Groveland,
Hadley,
Halifax,
Hamilton,
Hampden,
Hancock,
Hanover,
Hanson,
Hardwick,
Harvard,
Harwich,
Hatfield,
Hawley,
Heath,
Holbrook,
Holden,
Holland,
Holliston,
Hopedale,
Hubbardston,
Hudson,
Hull,
Huntington,
Hyde Park,
Kingston,
Lakeville,
Lancaster,
Lanesborough,
Leicester,
Leominster,
Leverett,
Leyden,
Lowell,
Ludlow,
Lunenburg,
Lynn,
Lynnfield,
Manchester,
Mansfield,
Marblehead,
Marlborough,
Marshfield,
Mashpee,
Mattapoisett,
Maynard,
Medfield,
Medford,
Medway,
Melrose,
Mendon,
Merrimac,
Middleborough,
Middlefield,
Middleton,
Milford,
Millbury,
Millis,
Milton,
Monroe,
Montague,
Monterey,
Montgomery,
Mount Washington,
Nahant,
Natick,
Needham,
New Ashford,
New Bedford,
New Braintree,
Newburyport,
New Marlborough,
New Salem,
Newton,
Norfolk,
North Adams,
Northampton,
North Attleborough,
Northborough,
North Brookfield,
Northfield,
North Reading,
Norwood,
Oakham,
Orange,
Orleans,
Otis,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Peabody,
Pelham,
Pepperell,
Peru,
Phillipston,
Plainfield,
Plainville,
Plympton,
Prescott,
Provincetown,
Quincy,
Reading,
Revere,
Richmond,
Rochester,
Rockland,
Rockport,
Rowe,
Rowley,
Royalston,
Russell,
Rutland,
Salisbury,
Sandisfield,
Sandwich,
Saugus,
Savoy,
Seekonk,
Sharon,
Sheffield,
Shelburne,
Sherborn,
Shirley,
Shrewsbury,
Shutesbury,
Somerset,
Somerville,
Southampton,
Southborough,
Southbridge,
South Hadley,
Southwick,
Spencer,

Sterling,
Stoneham,
Stoughton,
Stow,
Sturbridge,
Sudbury,
Sunderland,
Sutton,
Swampscott,
Swansea,
Taunton,
Templeton,
Tewksbury,
Tolland,
Topsfield,
Townsend,
Truro,
Tyngsborough,
Tyringham,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Wakefield,
Wales,
Walpole,
Waltham,
Warwick,
Washington,
Watertown,
Wayland,
Webster,
Wellfleet,
Wendell,
Wenham,
Westborough,
West Boylston,
West Bridgewater,
West Brookfield,
Westford,
Westminster,
West Newbury,
Weston,
Westport,
West Springfield,
West Stockbridge,
Westwood,
Weymouth,
Whately,
Whitman,
Wilbraham,
Williamsburg,
Williamstown,
Wilmington,
Winchendon,
Winchester,
Windsor,
Winthrop,
Worcester,
Wrentham. — 274.

CLASS 2

Towns which have Free Libraries in which the Town has Some Representation in the Management

Acton,
Ayer,
Barre,
Bedford,
Belchertown,
Bernardston,
Boxford,
Braintree,
Concord,
Cummington,
Danvers,
Easthampton,
Enfield,
Franklin,
Gardner,
Georgetown,
Grafton,
Haverhill,
Hingham,
Hinsdale,
Holyoke,
Lawrence,
Lenox,
Lexington,
Lincoln,
Littleton,
Longmeadow,
Malden,
Methuen,
Norton,
Palmer,
Pembroke,
Petersham,
Pittsfield,
Randolph,
Salem,
Springfield,
Warren,
Wellesley,
Westfield,
Woburn. — 41.

CLASS 3

Towns in which there are Free Libraries to which the Town appropriates Money, but is not represented in the Management

Amherst,
Ashfield,
Becket,
Brewster,
Chatham,
Cheshire,
Duxbury,
Great Barrington,
Lee,

Marion,	Oak Bluffs,	Tisbury,
Monson,	Plymouth,	Ware,
Nantucket,	Princeton,	Wareham,
North Andover,	Raynham,	Westhampton,
Northbridge,	Scituate,	West Tisbury,
Norwell,	Stockbridge,	Yarmouth. — 27.

CLASS 4

Towns in which there are Free Libraries which have no Connection with the Town

Barnstable,	Eaton,	Ipswich,
Billerica,	Fairhaven,	Rehoboth,
Buckland,	Gloucester,	Worthington. — 11.
Conway,	Hopkinton,	

CLASS 5

Towns which have the Free Use of Public Libraries in Other Places

Newbury, ... Newburyport Public Library. — 1.

APPENDIX III

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

[NOTE. — In the following table of statistics the figures are generally taken from the reports compilation as accurate as possible, there are undoubtedly errors, due either to a misunder- any corrections. Some of the libraries report under "school deposits" the number of schoolhouses "some." This variation in the method of counting deposits should be taken into consideration

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
1	Abington,	4,260	5,455	$3,052,120	18,450	37,533
2	Acton,	1,897	2,136	2,206,625	11,201	6,405
3	*West Acton*,	-	-	-	1,600	-
4	Acushnet,	1,027	1,692	919,310	3,443	6,372
5	Adams,[1]	9,213	13,026	6,204,433	15,709	34,217
6	Agawam,[1]	2,352	3,501	1,968,680	-	-
7	Alford,	297	275	188,110	1,095	373
8	Amesbury,	9,798	9,894	6,247,477	13,319	38,378
9	Amherst,	4,512	5,112	3,877,639	12,196	34,987
10	*North Amherst*,	-	-	-	2,600	5,000
11	Andover,	6,142	7,301	6,737,207	18,917	33,004
12	Arlington,	5,629	11,187	11,887,267	24,337	44,179
13	Ashburnham,	2,074	2,107	1,026,869	5,091	7,080
14	Ashby,	825	885	528,557	4,500	3,127
15	Ashfield,	1,025	959	652,944	6,400	4,000
16	Ashland,	2,532	1,682	1,251,434	7,800	10,870
17	Athol,	6,319	8,536	4,643,701	9,251	31,308
18	Attleborough,	7,577	16,215	16,896,725	13,827	50,233
19	Auburn,	1,532	2,420	1,308,000	3,400	5,599
20	Avon,	1,384	2,013	971,975	3,515	8,005
21	Ayer,	2,148	2,795	2,178,250	10,035	8,036
22	Barnstable,	4,023	4,676	6,140,270	15,917	4,500
23	*Centerville*,	-	-	-	1,935	3,059
24	*Cotuit*,	-	-	-	4,666	6,614
25	*Hyannis*,	-	-	-	3,300	8,000

[1] Figures for ten months only.

APPENDIX III

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910-1911

sent in by the various libraries. While the commission has earnestly endeavored to make this standing of the reports received or inaccuracy in their figures. The commission will welcome supplied, some the number of schoolrooms, and some make the general statement of "all" or in examining the table.

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	1	$1,775 27	$143 71	$674 17	$561 50	$672 82	1
-	2	600 00	262 97	180 81	273 99	204 55	2
-	-	-	96 00	-	26 00	-	3
-	1	300 00	37 43	178 45	122 10	32 33	4
-	-	2,500 00	1,020 14	907 99	1,209 30	1,392 85	5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
-	-	80 00	1 03	33 07	25 00	3 10	7
-	-	2,059 88	1,070 00	650 31	1,354 35	1,274 04	8
-	1	600 00	200 59	430 67	286 10	79 90	9
-	-	150 00	327 26	179 60	75 00	153 13	10
-	4	1,939 84	3,977 52	849 05	2,571 53	2,443 90	11
1	1	4,608 83	2,936 64	1,111 91	3,577 50	2,848 53	12
-	1	423 95	125 00	-	75 00	470 95	13
-	-	250 00	126 54	39 06	200 00	109 07	14
-	2	200 00	78 34	103 26	80 90	140 83	15
-	-	1,000 00	-	200 00	430 00	370 00	16
-	-	1,704 24	140 41	580 68	688 57	514 76	17
5	1	7,000 00	249 53	2,114 74	3,098 43	2,036 36	18
-	2	100 00	202 68	121 83	112 50	13 40	19
-	-	375 00	-	170 00	175 00	30 00	20
-	-	1,000 00	111 37	273 41	538 86	247 37	21
-	6	-	730 00	239 86	373 85	441 31	22
-	-	-	284 70	94 36	75 00	113 48	23
-	-	-	1,818 22	80 97	790 00	127 32	24
-	1	-	361 90	34 00	130 00	149 15	25

[2] No returns received.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
26	*Marston's Mills,* . .	-	-	-	1,300	2,084
27	*Osterville,* . . .	-	-	-	4,153	-
28	*West Barnstable,* . .	-	-	-	1,500	1,527
29	Barre,[1]	2,239	2,957	$2,050,496	11,544	15,219
30	Becket, ...	946	959	540,831	2,179	1,021
31	Bedford, ...	1,092	1,231	1,363,230	10,237	9,735
32	Belchertown, ...	2,120	2,054	931,590	8,680	12,615
33	Bellingham, ...	1,334	1,696	906,645	2,495	7,797
34	Belmont, ...	2,098	5,542	6,516,525	14,227	24,636
35	Berkley, ...	894	999	402,847	1,768	2,400
36	Berlin, ...	884	904	591,680	2,673	3,201
37	Bernardston, ...	770	741	461,776	8,205	10,746
38	Beverly, ...	10,821	18,650	35,643,475	33,747	86,137
39	Billerica, ...	2,380	2,789	2,510,865	4,927	6,395
40	Blackstone, ...	6,138	5,648	2,315,410	8,418	7,567
41	Blandford, ...	871	717	550,579	2,690	3,343
42	Bolton, ...	827	764	583,597	4,676	4,267
43	Boston, ...	448,477	670,585	1,393,765,423	987,268	1,602,225
44	Bourne, ...	1,442	2,474	4,890,375	3,790	5,441
45	Boxborough, ...	325	317	266,005	2,054	1,980
46	Boxford, ...	865	718	1,424,995	3,269	-
47	*West Boxford,* . .	-	-	-	2,161	1,117
48	Boylston, ...	770	714	493,764	6,720	7,069
49	Braintree, ...	4,848	8,066	6,265,880	16,105	27,702
50	Brewster, ...	1,003	631	681,560	7,000	3,362
51	Bridgewater, ...	4,249	7,688	3,467,827	16,150	30,652
52	Brimfield, ...	1,096	866	552,888	7,000	6,750
53	Brockton, ...	27,294	56,878	43,353,741	58,133	205,374
54	Brookfield, ...	3,352	2,204	1,291,803	18,029	13,413
55	Brookline, ...	12,103	27,792	108,634,000	73,205	171,628
56	Buckland, ...	1,570	1,573	723,540	3,500	2,550
57	Burlington, ...	617	591	695,383	3,980	2,196
58	Cambridge, ...	70,028	104,839	110,796,735	91,302	314,316
59	Canton, ...	4,538	4,797	4,541,955	15,646	30,114
60	Carlisle, ...	481	551	477,197	3,400	1,800
61	Carver, ...	994	1,633	2,109,745	3,099	4,639

[1] Figures do not include help given by the Barre Library Association.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
–	–	–	$94 10	$36 94	$25 00	$27 81	26
–	–	–	400 00	60 00	200 00	100 00	27
–	–	–	147 73	25 28	26 00	58 73	28
–	3	$500 00	102 00	94 48	500 00	22 85	29
–	–	50 00	19 00	22 00	25 00	13 20	30
–	–	511 50	512 92	1,005 40	164 44	152 80	31
4	–	315 43	459 57	168 56	336 34	270 10	32
–	5	250 00	–	129 69	65 00	55 05	33
1	1	3,433 15	–	670 59	1,858 46	955 83	34
–	–	75 00	–	37 21	40 00	80	35
–	–	192 15	31 84	86 31	31 20	3 15	36
–	–	–	859 66	419 63	150 00	167 73	37
7	3	6,407 53	–	1,577 10	3,002 83	1,827 60	38
–	–	–	76 06	134 44	175 00	136 90	39
–	2	569 44	10 51	187 18	294 00	92 49	40
–	1	200 00	177 98	48 92	117 00	112 43	41
–	–	465 43	–	75 00	150 00	223 44	42
199	27	351,978 00	50,753 69	50,922 67	252,155 04	72,260 67	43
All	5	1,579 00	312 00	520 14	622 45	691 57	44
1	–	97 23	–	53 93	26 00	20 60	45
–	2	87 51	44 13	89 74	27 00	14 90	46
–	–	87 52	13 45	62 20	10 00	–	47
–	–	724 11	122 12	286 91	377 75	181 14	48
–	1	1,350 00	1,635 00	1,100 00	1,240 00	620 00	49
–	–	75 00	70 00	37 00	75 00	10 00	50
–	–	1,600 00	732 32	619 62	857 74	854 96	51
–	1	404 97	135 99	245 09	175 00	114 85	52
–	2	14,169 88	785 75	4,470 51	7,781 18	2,703 77	53
1	3	1,000 00	678 70	500 63	696 80	283 49	54
All	2	23,500 00	1,455 95	4,173 37	13,745 86	6,237 72	55
–	–	200 00 [1]	–	–	–	–	56
–	–	200 00	40 95	44 70	150 00	42 46	57
20	11	28,600 00	1,981 51	6,086 07	15,850 85	8,227 05	58
–	1	1,500 00	2,572 49	629 50	1,500 00	851 76	59
–	–	291 93	4 28	148 39	85 00	63 14	60
4	4	150 00	–	34 97	75 00	1 66	61

[1] Appropriated to the Shelburne Library.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
62	Charlemont,	972	1,001	$519,264	4,604	6,042
63	Charlton,	1,847	2,032	1,340,151	4,956	3,374
64	Chatham,	1,954	1,564	1,216,460	5,510	8,999
65	Chelmsford,	2,695	5,010	4,419,940	9,413	12,200
66	*North Chelmsford*,	-	-	-	6,073	8,050
67	CHELSEA,	27,909	32,452	25,720,100	8,117	54,301
68	Cheshire,	1,308	1,509	804,902	5,466	9,663
69	Chester,	1,295	1,377	755,559	2,461	5,197
70	*Chester Center*,	-	-	-	700	308
71	Chesterfield,[1]	608	536	319,969	1,700	1,271
72	CHICOPEE,	14,050	25,401	13,309,680	28,699	82,621
73	Chilmark,	353	282	357,450	2,198	995
74	Clinton,	10,424	13,075	8,439,912	36,000	67,455
75	Cohasset,	2,448	2,585	3,901,725	12,266	18,766
76	Colrain,	1,671	1,741	707,540	2,849	8,045
77	Concord,	4,427	6,421	7,319,263	39,235	32,326
78	Conway,	1,451	1,230	719,625	3,372	8,523
79	Cummington,	787	637	325,057	3,500	900
80	Dalton,	2,885	3,568	4,186,172	10,197	20,512
81	Dana,[1]	700	736	401,717	1,776	1,289
82	Danvers,	7,454	9,407	6,470,425	26,700	48,625
83	Dartmouth,	3,122	4,378	4,553,725	2,000	2,150
84	*North Dartmouth*,	-	-	-	1,391	1,240
85	*South Dartmouth*,	-	-	-	7,000	5,003
86	Dedham,	7,123	9,284	13,328,702	24,000	53,373
87	Deerfield,	2,910	2,209	1,883,975	4,500	-
88	*South Deerfield*,	-	-	-	2,147	5,532
89	Dennis,	2,899	1,914	1,306,805	1,872	1,000
90	Dighton,	1,889	2,235	1,155,196	3,000	2,996
91	Douglas,	1,908	2,152	1,274,876	6,000	9,957
92	Dover,	727	798	5,467,126	4,339	4,998
93	Dracut,	1,996	3,461	2,471,131	3,500	8,500
94	Dudley,	2,944	4,267	1,881,930	3,614	10,511
95	Dunstable,	416	408	355,709	3,000	2,095
96	Duxbury,	1,908	1,688	2,298,394	5,725	10,543
97	East Bridgewater,	2,911	3,363	2,087,387	6,473	14,529

[1] Seven months only.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	1	$100 00	$48 43	$134 45	$52 00	$16 85	62
-	-	200 00	45 47	158 50	54 50	34 39	63
-	-	50 00	1,212 15	119 78	562 00	577 63	64
-	1	800 00	-	246 59	288 00	265 41	65
-	1	600 00	14 50	298 38	180 00	110 64	66
-	-	4,483 78	3,897 10	3,897 10	2,780 00	1,703 78	67
-	-	206 58	110 00	107 28	78 00	10 00	68
-	2	160 00	19 48	111 64	36 68	28 62	69
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
-	1	126 97	25 76	52 51	25 00	45 93	71
-	3	5,500 00	5,000 00	1,469 22	2,394 68	1,636 10	72
-	-	50 00	1 75	20 80	25 00	5 95	73
-	-	7,000 00	-	1,792 72	2,692 92	2,513 97	74
-	-	1,900 00	4,884 20	1,056 69	900 00	3,496 63	75
-	1	250 00	736 92	197 67	265 75	441 67	76
-	1	3,790 94	2,755 94	1,877 07	2,072 57	1,470 48	77
-	1	-	2,030 00	388 54	850 00	730 80	78
-	-	81 00	1 84	83 13	-	4 78	79
1	-	995 13	267 08	511 98	400 00	169 06	80
-	-	100 00	-	50 00	50 00	-	81
-	-	800 00	3,380 00	586 90	995 62	2,597 48	82
-	-	300 00	4 23	191 77	53 50	53 56	83
-	-	300 00	3 00	161 81	32 50	102 00	84
-	-	300 00	25 00	18 93	151 00	131 60	85
-	2	5,000 00	405 66	1,785 21	2,604 81	1,265 28	86
-	-	100 00	150 00	150 00	100 00	-	87
-	-	400 00	-	114 71	90 30	194 99	88
-	-	-	150 00	-	15 00	15 00	89
All	-	400 00	3 83	223 12	50 00	-	90
-	-	475 56	685 86	362 67	326 70	347 76	91
-	-	590 83	-	481 10	119 21	83 18	92
-	3	500 00	6 00	190 00	204 00	60 00	93
-	-	500 00	-	283 81	100 00	123 71	94
-	-	103 10	16 64	52 03	50 00	10 21	95
-	4	1,000 00	457 66	399 00	613 85	444 81	96
-	-	800 00	353 11	410 38	477 70	274 15	97

[1] Including North Dana.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
98	East Longmeadow,	-	1,553	$735,020	3,100	-
99	Eastham,	602	518	477,015	2,922	5,223
100	Easthampton,	4,395	8,524	5,961,261	15,000	32,089
101	Easton,	4,493	5,139	5,769,731	18,353	21,477
102	Edgartown,	1,156	1,191	1,030,720	2,688	4,923
103	Egremont,	845	605	498,014	1,636	-
104	Enfield,	952	874	692,250	4,000	8,000
105	Erving,	972	1,148	918,172	2,714	2,213
106	Essex,	1,713	1,621	1,182,585	5,400	-
107	Everett,	11,068	33,484	27,777,700	23,840	79,057
108	*East Everett*,	-	-	-	7,209	36,509
109	Fairhaven,	2,919	5,122	3,338,358	21,132	46,758
110	Fall River,	74,398	119,295	92,488,520	83,135	187,742
111	Falmouth,	2,567	3,144	3,751,671	8,513	14,025
112	Fitchburg,	22,037	37,826	30,122,175	52,578	73,633
113	Florida,	436	395	196,206	700	97
114	Foxborough,	2,933	3,863	2,414,965	4,000	14,948
115	Framingham,	9,239	12,948	11,962,940	31,500	36,854
116	Franklin,	4,831	5,641	3,938,655	8,277	14,107
117	*Franklin*,[1]	-	-	-	2,500	7,040
118	Freetown,	1,417	1,471	903,925	1,925	2,074
119	*East Freetown*,	-	-	-	760	-
120	Gardner,	8,424	14,659	8,245,905	13,997	27,222
121	Gay Head,	139	162	45,751	344	-
122	Georgetown,	2,117	1,958	1,037,145	10,000	10,829
123	Gill,	960	942	475,357	2,596	3,427
124	Gloucester,	24,651	24,398	23,739,498	20,000	61,643
125	*Annisquam*,	-	-	-	1,376	2,511
126	*Magnolia*,	-	-	-	5,620	8,178
127	Goshen,	297	279	183,530	1,700	1,350
128	Gosnold,	135	152	709,115	945	410
129	Grafton,	5,002	5,705	2,739,365	13,181	19,614
130	Granby,	765	761	522,615	3,681	3,683
131	Granville,	1,061	781	483,412	2,908	1,914
132	Great Barrington,	4,612	5,926	6,030,715	12,642	21,258
133	*Housatonic*,	-	-	-	4,245	12,819

[1] Ray Memorial Library: report covers ten months only.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
–	–	$300 00	$20 00	$230 00	$90 00	–	98
–	2	25 00	533 43	148 22	217 34	$180 43	99
–	..–	1,300 00	1,050 00	722 00	1,050 00	578 00	100
All	5	–	3,137 84	845 45	1,230 00	1,062 39	101
–	–	400 00	–	56 38	175 25	183 70	102
–	2	84 99	–	–	25 00	–	103
–	–	230 33	171 00	298 87	52 00	20 03	104
–	1	50 00	–	50 00	30 00	11 00	105
–	–	–	798 28	337 34	203 25	14 49	106
–	–	4,974 98	342 84	1,311 36	2,617 40	1,389 06	107
–	–	2,700 00	114 00	1,065 40	1,000 00	759 37	108
4	–	–	8,591 00	1,132 00	4,646 00	2,732 00	109
–	3	32,000 00	564 01	5,750 64	15,950 54	10,862 83	110
–	4	2,009 75	295 50	492 03	980 79	1,103 06	111
2	–	7,819 63	1,184 70	1,761 16	5,141 20	2,101 97	112
–	–	15 00	–	–	10 00	25	113
–	–	750 00	600 00	133 50	498 00	260 00	114
–	4	2,688 14	2,482 07	1,282 34	1,575 00	2,312 87	115
–	–	1,000 00	552 00	488 99	660 00	74 63	116
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	117
–	–	100 00	30 00	70 00	–	30 00	118
–	–	75 00	–	65 00	10 00	–	119
20	2	1,411 59	2,331 18	1,021 74	1,391 50	1,274 58	120
–	–	16 00	–	–	–	–	121
–	1	274 21	727 52	245 89	457 70	119 70	122
–	1	189 44	12 32	93 77	72 00	74 31	123
–	–	–	3,721 02	961 72	1,841 81	1,062 50	124
–	–	–	268 06	228 70	–	6 04	125
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	126
–	–	90 12	–	43 12	27 00	20 00	127
–	–	37 59	–	–	20 00	–	128
–	4	1,003 20	502 99	543 15	500 00	427 18	129
–	–	189 56	24 66	214 60	50 00	3 60	130
3	2	413 27	272 87	152 26	419 00	94 41	131
–	–	2,000 00	–	662 82	907 03	392 18	132
–	–	1,700 00	–	494 00	682 00	342 32	133

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
134	Greenfield,	5,252	10,427	$10,130,382	23,440	62,577
135	Greenwich,	526	452	245,003	2,458	2,416
136	Groton,	2,057	2,155	3,963,406	12,796	13,078
137	Groveland,	2,191	2,253	1,163,476	4,114	14,836
138	*South Groveland*,	-	-	-	4,120	4,525
139	Hadley,	1,669	1,999	1,459,807	6,000	-
140	Halifax,	562	550	617,373	700	710
141	Hamilton,	961	1,749	4,014,048	6,318	7,500
142	Hampden,	831	645	391,220	2,326	4,768
143	Hancock,	506	465	305,234	1,763	-
144	Hanover,	2,093	2,326	1,514,440	7,000	5,195
145	Hanson,	1,267	1,854	1,255,095	3,200	13,552
146	Hardwick,	2,922	3,524	1,910,260	5,060	6,447
147	*Gilbertville*,	-	-	-	1,611	2,956
148	Harvard,	1,095	1,034	1,363,803	6,000	7,943
149	Harwich,	2,734	2,115	1,381,945	4,563	4,520
150	*West Harwich*,	-	-	-	2,036	1,564[1]
151	Hatfield,	1,246	1,986	1,527,903	6,000	4,000
152	HAVERHILL,	31,132	44,115	32,929,962	94,500	181,126
153	Hawley,	515	424	188,419	1,813	-
154	Heath,	503	346	179,792	1,900	1,560
155	Hingham,	4,564	4,965	7,881,510	12,396	23,069
156	*Nantasket*,	-	-	-	3,000	3,700
157	Hinsdale,	1,739	1,116	579,361	5,500	2,539
158	Holbrook,	2,474	2,816	1,476,108	8,000	16,414
159	Holden,	2,623	2,147	1,645,039	6,666	6,928
160	Holland,	201	145	107,725	1,252	378
161	Holliston,	2,619	2,711	1,645,179	8,328	10,941
162	HOLYOKE,	35,637	57,730	49,862,240	42,063	110,170
163	Hopedale,	1,176	2,188	5,927,840	10,591	21,306
164	Hopkinton,	4,088	2,452	1,559,215	6,000	9,754
165	Hubbardston,	1,346	1,073	687,593	6,194	6,390
166	Hudson,	4,670	6,743	3,843,615	9,728	36,289
167	Hull,	989	2,103	7,018,860	2,446	-
168	Huntington,	1,385	1,473	670,530	1,850	-
169	Hyde Park,	10,193	15,507	14,638,575	28,000	70,601

[1] Report covers one-third of year.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
2	1	$6,271 00	$529 08	$2,574 52	$2,698 65	$2,310 89	134
-	1	100 00	29 81	58 76	43 00	8 24	135
-	1	1,574 99	416 25	279 90	758 86	952 48	136
-	-	621 50	14 00	210 33	175 50	242 81	137
-	-	-	-	16 50	100 00	83 50	138
1	1	430 82	359 12	138 63	83 08	188 36	139
-	-	-	44 00	34 20	50 00	3 20	140
All	1	400 00	-	137 12	200 00	58 50	141
All	-	75 00	32 40	82 11	30 00	25 00	142
-	1	71 18	3 34	48 80	29 80	1 00	143
-	5	680 00	-	378 00	383 00	80 00	144
-	4	470 51	-	315 51	105 00	50 00	145
-	-	50 00	362 56	448 15	200 00	257 71	146
-	-	-	90 82	68 43	-	14 62	147
-	1	100 00	2,332 09	359 75	371 18	239 97	148
4	-	100 00	360 00	49 60	70 95	38 28	149
-	-	-	115 00	75 00	15 00	25 00	150
-	3	350 00	-	170 00	162 00	183 00	151
30	9	12,403 86	6,990 01	3,601 56	9,270 56	6,423 94	152
-	3	15 00	-	19 15	5 00	1 45	153
-	-	81 00	-	4 95	26 75	1 90	154
-	-	-	2,325 00	268 24	600 00	1,119 68	155
-	-	1,200 00[1]	2,038 62	119 10	242 95	1,619 68	156
-	-	327 00	-	-	100 00	227 00	157
-	-	550 00	-	-	300 00	-	158
-	-	1,000 00	131 80	230 70	570 87	-	159
-	-	59 54	-	35 88	12 00	1 05	160
-	-	1,000 00	23 25	246 18	243 87	133 63	161
-	-	13,000 00	493 57	3,391 01	7,390 71	2,753 77	162
-	1	2,993 25	213 64	768 83	1,436 72	1,001 34	163
-	-	-	870 88	276 38	260 99	314 67	164
-	-	-	240 82	193 36	147 45	27 51	165
-	-	1,845 42	-	375 59	829 06	640 77	166
-	-	353 52	18 00	95 70	127 85	177 00	167
1	-	298 26	23 58	201 96	39 00	60 22	168
-	1	5,372 98	-	1,230 52	2,501 72	1,631 79	169

[1] Appropriation from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
170	Ipswich,	4,439	5,777	$4,785,508	16,700	17,391
171	Kingston,	1,659	2,445	1,615,840	8,164	11,567
172	Lakeville,	935	1,141	820,925	1,400	3,000
173	Lancaster,	2,201	2,464	4,390,832	36,587	15,871
174	Lanesborough,	1,018	947	546,184	3,000	4,000
175	LAWRENCE,[1]	44,654	85,892	65,446,007	-	-
176	Lee,	3,785	4,106	2,209,633	7,405	10,875
177	Leicester,	3,120	3,237	2,456,551	13,857	15,499
178	Lenox,	2,889	3,060	6,726,052	21,987	21,020
179	Leominster,	7,269	17,580	12,398,235	26,610	51,909
180	Leverett,	702	728	325,213	1,950	915
181	*North Leverett*,	-	-	-	700	-
182	Lexington,	3,197	4,918	7,826,980	25,847	45,811
183	Leyden,	407	363	171,802	1,920	369
184	Lincoln,	987	1,175	3,473,934	9,281	6,640
185	Littleton,	1,025	1,229	1,136,923	11,572	9,051
186	Longmeadow,	2,183	1,084	1,459,370	4,925	-
187	LOWELL,	77,696	106,294	79,344,448	84,363	140,216
188	Ludlow,	1,939	4,948	3,989,672	4,300	8,074
189	Lunenburg,	1,146	1,393	1,159,319	6,825	10,781
190	LYNN,	55,727	89,336	72,648,640	83,670	232,153
191	Lynnfield,	787	911	994,791	3,400	4,000
192	MALDEN,	23,031	44,404	40,491,284	62,542	149,124
193	Manchester,	1,789	2,673	15,238,265	14,149	19,215
194	Mansfield,	3,432	5,183	4,279,189	5,300	16,000
195	Marblehead,	8,202	7,338	8,785,944	18,974	27,936
196	Marion,	871	1,460	4,984,680	6,678	10,655
197	MARLBOROUGH,	13,805	14,909	10,423,083	26,000	43,127[2]
198	Marshfield,	1,713	1,738	1,957,325	4,213	-
199	*Marshfield Hills*,	-	-	-	1,700	-
200	Mashpee,	298	270	226,280	1,500	400
201	Mattapoisett,	1,148	1,233	1,694,249	6,015	11,727
202	Maynard,	2,700	6,390	3,933,417	4,955	12,180
203	Medfield,	1,493	3,466	1,598,192	5,446	7,540
204	MEDFORD,	11,079	23,150	23,683,100	39,703	105,928
205	Medway, *West*,[3]	2,985	2,696	1,487,795	4,147	10,139

[1] No returns received. [2] Figures cover eleven months only.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
–	1	–	$2,900 00	$550 00	$1,168 00	$390 00	170
–	–	$900 00	684 54	524 76	546 00	501 00	171
–	2	358 00	29 70	162 08	154 41	2 45	172
–	–	2,026 86	1,158 36	1,029 72	795 54	832 31	173
2	–	186 45	–	34 95	109 50	5 53	174
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	175
–	–	1,560 52	88 16	343 50	864 00	321 14	176
–	3	1,500 00	150 97	349 09	825 84	476 04	177
–	–	255 73	2,123 90	647 35	1,400 00	780 38	178
–	1	4,681 35	983 66	1,211 47	2,679 50	1,374 04	179
–	2	139 20	–	100 00	30 00	–	180
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	181
–	1	4,154 13	1,951 66	2,343 22	2,221 69	1,385 40	182
–	–	35 00	–	–	26 00	50	183
1	1	777 86	829 52	327 52	680 00	497 30	184
–	–	660 00	630 36	403 04	285 00	93 19	185
–	–	508 22	187 50	176 90	192 80	461 84	186
All	4	15,000 00	4,888 29	4,897 66	10,618 00	4,372 63	187
–	–	75 00	–	75 00	144 00	–	188
–	–	561 62	186 37	236 05	135 75	353 15	189
10	15	19,616 32	885 32	4,873 03	11,905 43	4,648 52	190
–	1	202 18	194 62	146 65	141 50	63 68	191
All	7	7,596 61	33,449 86	4,100 95	7,608 79	4,827 41	192
–	–	1,715 18	–	333 04	1,109 00	182 90	193
–	–	1,000 00	–	–	300 00	700 00	194
–	–	879 14	1,023 41	487 79	932 45	227 40	195
–	–	200 00	1,084 82	306 03	540 00	430 71	196
–	–	4,192 32	457 87	1,301 38	2,330 30	1,018 51	197
–	7	200 00	–	129 53	151 00	143 77	198
–	–	–	100 00	–	–	100 00	199
–	1	40 00	–	21 00	15 00	4 00	200
–	–	966 26	35 85	360 41	–	635 06	201
–	–	716 22	73 69	313 64	201 24	275 03	202
–	–	227 78	376 06	175 44	150 00	56 55	203
85	10	9,138 11	120 38	1,636 25	5,138 00	2,484 24	204
–	–	367 05	11 20	174 82	61 15	208 81	205

[1] Library burned June, 1911.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
206	*Medway Village,*	-	-	-	500	-
207	Melrose,	8,519	15,715	$16,463,865	18,487	69,046
208	Mendon,	919	880	701,445	4,763	4,919
209	Merrimac,	2,633	2,202	1,327,514	7,000	8,070
210	Methuen,	4,814	11,448	7,198,034	19,300	31,032
211	Middleborough,	6,065	8,214	4,644,805	19,076	49,002
212	Middlefield,	455	354	197,337	1,931	1,622
213	Middleton,	924	1,129	818,072	6,764	7,623
214	Milford,	8,780	13,055	9,331,470	17,663	34,121
215	Millbury,	4,428	4,740	2,354,356	9,130	17,252
216	Millis,	786	1,399	1,102,381	4,185	3,842
217	Milton,	4,278	7,924	26,689,650	24,064	61,919
218	Monroe,	282	246	167,683	1,293	785
219	Monson,	3,650	4,758	1,888,815	11,559	12,952
220	Montague,	6,296	6,866	4,222,955	6,957	8,396
221	*Turner's Falls,*	-	-	-	8,277	18,245
222	Monterey,	495	388	320,803	3,300	2,900
223	Montgomery,	266	217	151,887	956	500
224	Mount Washington,	148	110	98,150	-	-
225	Nahant,	880	1,184	8,225,248	19,446	15,731
226	Nantucket,	3,268	2,962	3,528,780	15,211	25,700
227	Natick,	9,118	9,886	8,221,600	26,762	48,837
228	*South Natick,*	-	-	-	8,254	6,000
229	Needham,	3,035	6,026	6,105,316	13,168	28,042
230	New Ashford,	125	92	52,575	1,073	176
231	New Bedford,	40,733	96,652	83,906,051	129,212	247,995
232	New Braintree,	573	464	400,689	2,643	2,696
233	New Marlborough,	1,305	1,124	765,010	300	-
234	*Southfield,*	-	-	-	704	700
235	New Salem,	856	639	357,410	1,790	675
236	Newburyport,	13,947	14,949	15,242,057	45,005	54,209
237	*South End Reading Room,*	-	-	-	3,000	12,010
238	Newton,	24,379	39,806	73,587,510	78,450	271,269
239	Norfolk,	913	960	872,702	1,860	-
240	North Adams,	16,074	22,019	16,459,242	33,126	97,615
241	North Andover,	3,742	5,529	4,937,732	12,259	20,580

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School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206
1	-	$5,667 84	$100 00	$2,350 00	$2,375 00	$1,042 84	207
2	-	250 00	72 49	119 18	112 80	90 51	208
-	-	400 00	144 04	166 61	200 00	120 16	209
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	210
-	-	1,977 71	2,726 44	1,698 43	1,472 45	901 17	211
-	-	74 13	-	55 13	20 00	-	212
-	-	-	739 60	183 24	344 19	187 52	213
-	-	1,739 72	84 78	543 46	568 95	460 49	214
-	-	609 66	-	288 76	312 58	73 69	215
-	1	254 47	6 50	226 94	53 65	6 29	216
9	5	9,900 10	2,503 70	1,631 84	6,295 98	2,923 32	217
2	1	98 68	1 00	70 95	-	8 55	218
-	-	300 00	2,256 10	636 43	568 03	462 15	219
-	-	566 04	74 67	311 44	198 25	131 02	220
-	-	1,732 08	39 00	468 38	729 30	573 36	221
-	-	50 00	8 00	-	15 00	7 02	222
-	-	35 00	-	15 00	7 80	-	223
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	224
-	-	3,150 00	-	939 01	558 00	1,869 59	225
-	-	1,000 00	1,199 50	639 42	1,062 08	544 22	226
-	-	3,850 00	-	880 28	2,400 02	1,326 82	227
-	-	-	875 00	200 00	345 00	300 00	228
All	2	2,019 04	60 00	636 90	841 38	600 76	229
-	-	20 00	4 76	5 00	4 76	15 00	230
126	29	19,680 30	14,504 00	10,784 55	13,828 54	8,530 09	231
-	-	97 85	5 12	53 72	25 00	24 25	232
-	4	25 00	-	-	20 00	5 00	233
1	-	4 00	10 61	8 00	5 00	-	234
-	1	40 00	40 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	235
-	-	3,275 00	6,590 00	2,854 00	3,713 00	1,838 00	236
-	-	-	491 61	64 11	81 75	264 88	237
All	10	23,825 00	4,427 93	6,471 23	12,120 00	8,768 10	238
-	-	175 00	-	114 26	42 90	17 95	239
1	4	7,000 00	289 19	1,921 29	3,696 84	1,640 41	240
6	-	2,581 78	170 44	468 37	1,594 60	707 96	241

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
242	North Attleborough,	6,727	9,562	$7,732,240	10,000	39,806
243	North Brookfield,	3,871	3,075	1,652,393	8,060	14,062
244	North Reading,	874	1,059	736,410	6,184	7,932
245	Northampton,	14,990	19,431	14,754,111	37,385	52,674
246	*Forbes Library*,	–	–	–	113,607	68,942
247	*Florence*,	–	–	–	8,500	19,805
248	Northborough,	1,952	1,713	1,391,342	11,946	12,310
249	Northbridge,	4,603	8,807	4,594,600	10,000	12,107
250	Northfield,	1,869	1,642	1,405,428	7,308	13,295
251	Norton,	1,785	2,544	1,303,500	7,073	11,540
252	Norwell,	1,635	1,410	1,059,040	5,000	3,790
253	Norwood,	3,733	8,014	14,033,280	14,070	41,240
254	Oak Bluffs,	1,080	1,084	1,845,825	3,000	10,738
255	Oakham,	738	552	371,508	2,036	2,430
256	Orange,	4,568	5,282	3,704,710	10,245	35,288
257	Orleans,	1,219	1,077	683,995	5,064	7,900
258	Otis,	583	494	262,216	1,205	913
259	Oxford,	2,616	3,361	1,966,325	9,793	16,173
260	Palmer,	6,520	8,610	4,364,687	7,951	18,016
261	Paxton,	445	416	339,490	2,700	2,452
262	Peabody,	10,158	15,721	11,091,050	44,489	41,270
263	*Eben Dale Sutton Library*,	–	–	–	4,165	–
264	Pelham,	486	467	286,450	1,090	701
265	Pembroke,	1,320	1,336	954,061	2,532	3,206
266	*Bryantville*,	–	–	–	3,168	6,032
267	Pepperell,	3,127	2,593	2,254,705	16,000	11,015
268	*East Pepperell*,	–	–	–	450	–
269	Peru,	305	237	145,081	2,000	950
270	Petersham,	1,050	757	935,813	10,000	5,000
271	Phillipston,	502	426	283,695	6,299	2,150
272	Pittsfield,	17,281	32,121	24,979,745	57,238	91,073
273	Plainfield,	435	406	183,073	1,500	–
274	Plainville,[1]	–	1,385	821,947	–	–
275	Plymouth,	7,314	12,141	11,275,792	17,266	28,964
276	Plympton,	597	561	387,629	2,069	2,577
277	Prescott,	376	320	194,175	2,315	1,834

[1] No returns received.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	$3,000 00	$185 00	$1,565 03	$1,280 75	$570 06	242
-	-	1,100 00	-	302 19	500 00	297 81	243
-	-	100 00	165 00	116 06	61 00	132 00	244
-	1	2,100 00	2,684 16	852 59	2,604 43	1,327 14	245
-	2	5,500 00	19,197 02	10,655 84	7,000 14	4,066 13	246
-	-	-	837 57	236 13	-	368 21	247
1	-	518 21	870 45	739 97	460 00	103 96	248
-	-	750 00	220 95	804 53	225 04	222 87	249
1	-	700 00	-	150 15	3 00	257 57	250
-	1	500 00	200 00	206 71	250 00	338 14	251
-	-	100 00	631 85	131 68	205 50	290 08	252
-	-	3,628 40	61 36	951 62	2,102 17	635 97	253
-	-	340 00	386 76	321 61	111 75	280 39	254
-	-	317 01	53 91	10 50	210 79	121 06	255
-	1	1,497 80	131 77	617 85	663 60	339 94	256
-	-	200 00	190 87	195 43	125 00	36 28	257
-	-	65 00	-	15 00	15 35	20 88	258
-	1	1,148 07	67 67	325 42	472 38	417 94	259
-	-	1,000 00	553 70	372 45	495 24	454 69	260
-	-	127 92	3 00	52 35	35 00	75	261
6	-	-	3,490 52	1,128 99	1,662 60	665 92	262
-	-	-	1,097 71	260 76	415 50	707 61	263
-	2	25 00	20 10	-	13 00	6 60	264
-	-	130 12	-	72 49	27 50	30 13	265
-	-	-	939 13	381 87	128 00	156 20	266
-	-	641 44	2,356 62	267 97	1,647 00	553 58	267
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268
-	-	15 00	-	-	10 00	-	269
-	-	100 00	621 44	100 00	350 00	-	270
-	-	52 00	202 00	108 37	52 00	10 52	271
2	6	9,000 00	3,716 00	2,231 00	6,932 00	3,804 00	272
-	-	50 00	1 32	14 89	14 75	15 56	273
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	274
-	-	1,500 00	621 32	491 37	1,188 66	828 17	275
-	-	75 00	10 00	29 56	50 00	10 67	276
-	2	77 34	-	-	15 00	65	277

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
278	Princeton,	982	818	$1,135,366	7,061	4,675
279	Provincetown,	4,642	4,369	2,158,146	12,834	15,588
280	Quincy,	16,723	32,642	32,456,380	31,765	107,882
281	Randolph,	3,946	4,301	2,307,400	22,870	25,852
282	Raynham,	1,340	1,725	773,724	1,752	2,250
283	Reading,	4,088	5,818	5,896,884	11,959	16,212
284	Rehoboth,[1]	3,946	2,001	923,006	-	-
285	Revere,	5,668	18,219	17,719,612	11,694	47,891
286	Richmond,	796	650	394,488	2,453	1,045
287	Rochester,	1,012	1,090	723,445	3,708	3,615
288	Rockland,	5,213	6,928	4,226,125	12,490	31,591
289	Rockport,	4,087	4,211	3,426,655	6,595	20,900
290	*Pigeon Cove,*	-	-	-	-	1,300
291	Rowe,	541	456	194,599	2,034	1,307
292	Rowley,	1,248	1,368	918,629	4,223	7,328
293	Royalston,	1,030	793	602,051	3,128	3,237
294	Russell,	879	965	813,100	1,500	2,218
295	Rutland,	980	1,743	781,217	3,185	4,198
296	Salem,	30,801	43,697	33,525,900	54,082	103,732
297	Salisbury,[2]	1,316	1,658	907,870	-	-
298	Sandisfield,	807	566	362,397	1,441	-
299	Sandwich,	1,819	1,688	1,026,325	3,350	5,876
300	Saugus,	3,673	8,047	5,510,516	9,450	19,129
301	Savoy,	569	503	185,515	600	700
302	Scituate,	2,318	2,482	4,657,690	-	-
303	*North Scituate,*	-	-	-	3,300	2,873
304	Seekonk,	1,317	2,397	1,365,165	2,000	2,363
305	Sharon,	1,634	2,310	2,785,025	6,700	11,969
306	Sheffield,	1,954	1,817	958,615	2,800	2,494
307	Shelburne,	1,553	1,498	1,242,773	4,246	2,949
308	*Shelburne Falls,*	-	-	-	11,177	16,746
309	Sherborn,	1,381	1,428	1,391,343	6,930	173
310	Shirley,	1,191	2,139	1,196,126	4,975	8,600
311	Shrewsbury,	1,449	1,946	1,744,303	8,412	11,593
312	Shutesbury,[2]	453	267	290,525	1,300	-
313	Somerset,	2,106	2,798	1,449,166	2,293	8,340

[1] Library burned July, 1911. [2] No returns received.

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School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	$165 00	$280 23	$216 77	$137 50	-	278
-	-	751 97	310 25	362 85	379 50	$449 74	279
All	6	11,467 30	1,220 79	2,642 85	5,991 15	3,743 12	280
-	-	100 00	2,238 62	568 15	1,000 00	475 26	281
-	-	180 52	3 50	156 57	30 00	8 76	282
-	-	1,737 28	-	647 18	395 74	691 81	283
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	284
All	4	3,200 00	69 00	380 62	1,916 70	971 68	285
-	-	170 00	-	111 15	50 00	20 00	286
3	1	250 00	43 96	211 34	59 25	23 37	287
-	-	2,632 39	-	1,127 19	1,064 71	440 36	288
-	-	1,000 00	279 28	226 62	600 00	452 66	289
-	-	150 00	-	29 17	120 00	-	290
-	-	50 00	57 64	51 67	40 00	3 40	291
-	-	317 00	600 00	194 00	82 50	219 33	292
-	-	125 00	60 60	97 94	-	25 00	293
-	2	200 00	-	51 05	53 00	92 53	294
-	-	233 22	26 15	113 70	100 00	-	295
All	3	11,395 00	6,722 73	3,337 36	6,543 75	7,516 68	296
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297
1	-	30 00	-	-	12 00	18 00	298
-	1	300 00	48 87	33 85	275 00	73 46	299
-	-	1,146 00	100 00	312 68	467 96	465 42	300
-	3	15 00	-	-	-	-	301
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	302
-	-	250 00	78 00	37 00	135 00	146 00	303
-	-	150 00	-	98 00	52 00	-	304
-	-	470 04	93 00	203 49	218 45	17 67	305
-	-	100 00	50 00	-	47 00	-	306
-	-	300 00	-	253 15	60 00	8 00	307
-	-	500 00	549 96	370 17	220 00	456 86	308
-	-	325 29	45 45	18 00	130 00	221 29	309
-	2	510 93	-	226 36	195 04	99 32	310
-	-	909 15	1,716 56	945 17	715 40	785 53	311
-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-	312
-	-	500 00	16 65	75 87	138 50	202 42	313

[1] Library closed during part of year.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
314	Somerville,	40,152	77,236	366,376,338	103,866	530,006
315	South Hadley,	4,261	4,884	2,900,057	6,504	11,496
316	*South Hadley Falls,*	–	–	–	4,528	14,312
317	Southampton,	1,017	870	491,737	4,554	4,665
318	Southborough,	2,114	1,745	1,949,283	9,693	5,765
319	Southbridge,	7,655	12,592	5,972,897	22,494	37,798
320	Southwick,	914	1,020	744,680	2,500	2,920
321	Spencer,	8,747	6,740	3,535,697	12,448	16,432
322	Springfield,	44,179	88,926	119,081,778	181,420	554,804
323	Sterling,	1,244	1,359	1,167,265	8,610	7,704
324	Stockbridge,	2,132	1,933	4,065,945	9,000	15,898
325	Stoneham,	6,155	7,090	5,055,916	12,608	27,223
326	Stoughton,	4,852	6,316	3,554,988	12,310	30,486
327	Stow,	903	1,115	1,024,669	6,000	–
328	Sturbridge,	2,074	1,957	1,099,080	8,168	6,990
329	Sudbury,	1,197	1,120	1,317,440	9,714	5,335
330	Sunderland,	663	1,047	507,773	5,264	6,291
331	Sutton,	3,180	3,078	1,318,036	6,100	–
332	Swampscott,	3,198	6,204	11,137,540	11,906	32,057
333	Swansea,	1,456	1,978	1,587,130	6,019	7,980
334	Taunton,	25,448	34,259	22,780,761	57,832	80,227
335	Templeton,	2,999	3,756	1,622,167	9,005	25,204
336	Tewksbury,	2,515	3,750	1,467,341	7,501	–
337	Tisbury,	1,506	1,196	1,578,386	6,066	4,157
338	Tolland,	393	180	204,658	950	135
339	Topsfield,	1,022	1,174	1,589,319	10,870	6,964
340	Townsend,	1,750	1,761	1,325,830	6,036	9,584
341	Truro,	919	655	379,135	2,602	2,703
342	Tyngsborough,	662	829	579,803	6,975	4,641
343	Tyringham,	412	382	356,217	3,330	845
344	Upton,	1,878	2,071	1,125,681	6,095	14,012
345	Uxbridge,	3,408	4,671	2,993,290	13,003	17,910
346	Wakefield,	6,982	11,404	9,380,540	17,499	42,973
347	Wales,	700	345	285,355	1,655	936
348	Walpole,	2,604	4,892	5,402,570	12,089	23,823
349	Waltham,	18,707	27,834	36,104,365	36,234	106,774

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School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
191	4	$25,949 00	$7,756 00	$10,251 00	$11,289 00	$11,234 00	314
-	-	500 00	-	164 00	150 00	-	315
-	-	1,100 00	449 70	464 84	410 66	284 45	316
5	-	253 94	44 60	162 36	104 65	95 68	217
-	-	197 09	104 80	236 77	186 90	-	318
-	-	2,837 09	529 43	1,025 26	1,358 00	823 69	319
-	-	200 00	6 00	123 05	75 00	23 90	320
-	-	-	1,367 85	505 36	618 65	243 84	321
277	25	47,059 00	12,841 00	8,889 00	24,704 00	11,415 00	322
1	-	258 94	282 90	161 26	100 00	184 76	323
-	1	1,286 65	388 98	272 37	884 00	359 60	324
-	-	2,168 12	159 00	592 20	921 96	805 82	325
-	-	1,621 97	1,187 36	1,069 36	907 46	811 21	326
-	1	-	503 75	104 00	175 00	244 89	327
-	1	249 40	233 50	208 49	219 00	55 41	328
-	-	-	1,000 00	120 71	247 50	898 97	329
-	-	247 80	191 69	64 97	187 58	39 60	330
-	4	500 00	-	-	92 00	-	331
-	-	1,400 00	-	-	-	1,400 00	332
-	4	600 00	261 89	297 12	354 00	83 09	333
-	-	9,299 47	536 58	2,781 83	4,583 05	2,300 44	334
-	3	586 99	475 00	512 00	386 45	200 54	335
All	5	300 00	-	-	-	-	336
-	-	200 00	136 00	53 02	111 00	51 87	337
-	-	15 00	28	-	5 00	-	338
-	-	125 00	517 10	445 14	148 33	2 90	339
-	1	467 57	302 58	445 24	201 88	86 44	340
-	2	73 65	15 10	-	48 00	7 38	341
1	-	200 00	288 53	148 21	192 55	110 02	342
-	-	75 00	40 56	12 00	42 00	28 98	343
-	1	479 63	-	269 35	130 00	-	344
7	1	1,531 43	508 60	351 41	800 00	705 55	345
-	1	2,170 87	411 16	835 46	1,156 57	589 45	346
-	-	50 00	5 45	25 70	30 00	10 50	347
-	2	2,800 00	265 31	704 27	1,267 60	850 79	348
-	-	6,485 02	-	1,956 00	3,265 00	1,264 02	349

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
350	Ware,	7,329	8,774	$4,814,775	14,727	32,052
351	Wareham,	3,451	4,102	5,063,895	3,918	7,934
352	Warren,	4,681	4,188	1,903,759	11,237	7,609
353	Warwick,	565	477	442,450	5,593	4,655
354	Watertown,	7,073	12,875	14,423,061	38,980	51,812
355	Wayland,[1]	2,060	6,206	2,840,162	–	–
356	Webster,	7,031	11,509	7,789,770	9,234	26,280
357	Wellesley,	3,600	5,413	15,105,766	17,516	34,458
358	Wellfleet,	1,291	1,022	1,081,720	1,950	9,000
359	Wendell,	505	502	295,110	3,000	2,902
360	Wenham,	886	1,010	2,567,975	5,829	5,786
361	West Boylston,	3,019	1,270	827,040	7,797	6,346
362	West Bridgewater,	1,917	2,231	1,342,167	6,765	8,000
363	West Brookfield,	1,592	1,327	910,061	9,460	13,575
364	West Newbury,	1,796	1,473	1,074,178	5,204	7,574
365	West Springfield,	5,077	9,224	7,319,159	10,961	12,701
366	West Stockbridge,	1,492	1,271	480,480	2,480	3,746
367	West Tisbury,	–	437	584,433	2,385	1,000
368	Westborough,	5,195	5,446	3,244,158	16,017	42,295
369	Westfield,	9,805	16,044	9,459,029	26,040	57,897
370	Westford,	2,250	2,851	1,932,232	15,424	13,205
371	Westhampton,	477	423	241,838	3,373	2,000
372	Westminster,	1,688	1,353	861,290	7,411	9,117
373	Weston,	1,664	2,106	6,924,245	19,519	16,378
374	Westport,	2,599	2,928	1,820,050	2,037	1,698
375	*Head of Westport*,	–	–	–	3,300	–
376	*Westport Point*,	–	–	–	953	956
377	Westwood,	–	1,266	2,950,355	4,137	5,332
378	Weymouth,	10,866	12,895	7,929,074	25,000	48,583
379	*South Weymouth*,	–	–	–	6,732	21,100
380	Whately,	779	846	459,445	3,177	–
381	Whitman,	4,441	7,292	4,994,721	13,000	34,575
382	Wilbraham,	1,814	2,332	1,128,985	2,650	3,747
383	Williamsburg,	2,057	2,132	994,319	8,500	6,965
384	*Haydenville*,	–	–	–	1,917	3,921
385	Williamstown,	4,221	3,078	3,592,401	6,730	7,927

[1] No returns received.

OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1910–11 — *Continued.*

School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	$1,495 32	$1,951 45	$1,271 18	$1,107 15	$1,178 25	350
-	-	1,092 17	396 72	211 17	176 00	177 92	351
-	-	841 95	553 90	292 18	365 17	709 91	352
-	-	100 00	118 87	78 09	50 00	80 64	353
1	2	900 00	5,350 00	1,987 05	3,312 61	950 34	354
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355
All	-	2,000 00	849 87	517 84	689 30	943 53	356
-	3	2,313 28	1,308 44	839 96	1,472 32	839 52	357
-	1	230 00	22 50	46 77	130 00	57 44	358
-	1	75 32	-	45 82	25 00	4 65	359
-	2	400 00	61 69	229 18	162 80	79 29	360
-	-	539 36	9 32	70 85	293 75	17 85	361
-	-	504 22	15 00	173 05	235 29	77 69	362
-	-	576 99	574 74	406 43	398 70	346 60	363
-	1	376 00	77 91	255 10	187 00	122 96	364
-	-	1,172 72	1,047 76	742 49	367 75	26 17	365
-	1	269 98	-	99 26	50 00	129 44	366
-	-	41 00	30 00	25 00	26 00	25 00	367
-	-	2,000 00	889 19	786 60	1,259 15	794 53	368
All	2	4,380 00	1,295 00	1,385 00	3,095 00	1,156 00	369
4	6	1,403 78	80 00	503 71	612 77	224 55	370
-	-	84 67	36 00	155 99	25 00	-	371
-	-	581 09	183 55	297 52	300 00	149 83	372
-	-	2,351 93	486 99	838 92	1,850 00	150 00	373
-	-	100 00	-	70 00	26 00	-	374
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	375
-	-	-	98 57	-	48 00	45 96	376
1	1	389 11	189 42	179 15	290 00	93 44	377
6	7	3,212 08	3,706 31	980 46	1,808 80	2,153 96	378
-	-	500 00	1,032 71	172 81	700 00	341 45	379
-	4	166 52	23 61	82 96	48 75	45 98	380
-	-	2,500 00	154 78	1,031 67	1,074 00	549 11	381
-	2	200 00	18 06	33 33	115 08	43 81	382
-	-	-	906 84	160 75	329 26	339 43	383
-	-	200 00	-	22 00	30 00	142 00	384
-	1	796 60	52 42	144 75	415 45	288 82	385

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1890.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1910.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
386	Wilmington,	1,213	1,858	$1,522,301	4,222	8,606
387	Winchendon,	4,390	5,678	4,184,305	9,892	22,102
388	Winchester,	4,861	9,309	12,758,750	22,088	45,035
389	Windsor,	612	404	288,853	1,206	1,043
390	Winthrop,	2,726	10,132	13,195,300	11,882	38,112
391	Woburn,	13,499	15,308	11,491,511	50,736	60,867
392	*North Woburn*,	-	-	-	1,550	3,100
393	Worcester,	84,655	145,986	141,212,607	180,136	327,706
394	Worthington,	714	569	356,765	2,879	2,238
395	Wrentham,	2,566	1,743	1,280,907	5,700	10,000
396	Yarmouth,	1,760	1,420	2,215,025	8,000	2,800
397	*South Yarmouth*,	-	-	-	3,743	2,000
398	*West Yarmouth*,	-	-	-	1,500	1,500

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School Deposits.	Other Deposits, Deliveries, Branches.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	$350 00	$31 39	$180 07	$196 35	$25 86	386
-	-	1,300 00	-	376 22	337 29	539 13	387
-	-	2,945 34	203 60	1,241 88	1,473 20	576 25	388
All	2	15 00	-	50	-	1 95	389
-	1	3,200 00	199 53	877 01	1,532 29	793 10	390
1	1	5,118 98	3,117 09	1,435 08	4,805 99	2,000 41	391
-	-	-	810 00	141 57	240 00	212 74	392
2	11	49,792 65	4,898 74	17,059 75	28,336 34	9,248 65	393
7	2	-	100 31	37 43	48 56	14 23	394
-	1	800 00	246 57	195 30	394 02	237 84	395
-	-	73 64	933 68	216 96	225 00	242 05	396
-	-	73 65	140 27	30 66	21 00	20 45	397
-	-	73 00	10 00	60 00	15 00	10 00	398

APPENDIX IV

A ROLL OF HONOR

Givers of Free Public Library Buildings in Massachusetts

[illegible]	Gift of Hon. William A. White of Boston.
[illegible]	Bequest of [illegible]
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[illegible]	Gift of [illegible]
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[illegible]	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
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[illegible]	Gift of Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.
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[illegible]	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
[illegible]	Gift of Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
[illegible]	Gift of Amos F. Adams of Boston.
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Cohasset,	Memorial of Paul Pratt.
Colrain,	Gift of Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
Concord,	Gift of William Munroe.
Conway,	Gift of Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
Cummington,	Gift of William Cullen Bryant.
Dalton,	Gift of the Crane family.
Danvers,	Gift of George Peabody.
Dartmouth, South,	Gift of John H. Southworth of Springfield.
Dedham,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
Deerfield,	Bequest of Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
Dennis,	Bequest of Jacob Sears.
Dighton,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and the townspeople.
Douglas,	Gift of James M. Fairfield of Boston, as a memorial of his father and mother, Simon and Phœbe Churchill Fairfield.
Dunstable,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Roby for a town hall and library building.
Duxbury,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
East Bridgewater,	Gift of Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
Eastham,	Gift of Eastham Village Improvement Society.
Easthampton,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
Easton,	Gift of Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
Edgartown,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Essex,	Bequest of T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
Everett,	Gift of Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
East Everett,	Bequest of William Shute.
Fairhaven,	Gift of Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter, Millicent.
Falmouth (Woods Hole),	Gift of citizens and summer visitors.
Fitchburg,	Gift of Hon. Rodney Wallace.
Franklin,	Gift of daughters of Hon. Joseph G. Ray, as a memorial of their father.
Freetown,	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
Gardner,	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
West Gardner,	Gift of Mrs. Helen H. Greenwood, as a memorial of her husband, Alvin M. Greenwood.
Georgetown,	Gift of George Peabody.
Gloucester,	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.
Goshen,	Memorial of John James.
Granville,	Gift of Hon. M. B. Whitney and others.
Great Barrington,	Gift of heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell, as a memorial of their father at Housatonic; bequest of Mrs. Mary F. Mason (1910).
Groton,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
Hadley,	Gift of John Dwight and others.
Hanover,	Bequest of John Curtis of Boston, supplemented by gift of his daughter, Miss Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
Hardwick,	Gift of Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
Hardwick (Gilbertville),	Gift of Col. Edward H. Gilbert.
Harvard,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
Harwich, West,	Gift of Caleb Chase.
Hatfield,	Bequest of Samuel H. Dickinson.
Haverhill,	Gift of Hon. E. J. M. Hale and other citizens.
Hingham,	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
Hinsdale,	Gift of citizens.
Holden,	Gift of Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
Holliston,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
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Hubbardston,	Gift of Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
Hudson,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.

Ipswich,	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
Kingston,	Bequest of Frederic C. Adams.
Lancaster,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
Lawrence,	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
Lee,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
Leicester,	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
Lenox,	Gift of Mrs. Adeline E. Schermerhorn.
Leominster,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Lexington,	Gift of Mrs. Maria Cary, for a town hall and library building; gift of heirs of Mrs. Maria Cary, for separate library building.
Lincoln,	Gift of George Grosvenor Tarbell.
Littleton,	Gift of children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.
Longmeadow,	Mainly by bequest of Miss Sarah W. Storrs.
Ludlow,	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
Lunenburg,	Gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
Lynn,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute, as a memorial of her husband.
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Marblehead,	Bequest of Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
Marion,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
Marlborough,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Marshfield,	Bequest of Seth J. Ventress, for a library at Marshfield; also gift of Clift Rogers, for a library at Marshfield Hills.
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Medford,	Gift of Thatcher Magoun.
Melrose,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Methuen,	Gift of the heirs of David Nevins.
Middleborough,	Bequest of Thomas S. Pierce.
Middleton,	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
Monson,	Gift of Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
Montague,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Turner's Falls.
Natick,	Bequest of Miss Mary Ann Morse.
South Natick,	Bequest of Oliver Bacon.
Needham,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Highlandville.
Newburyport,	Gift of citizens.
South Newburyport,	Gift of William H. Swasey and other citizens.
Newton,	Gift of J. Wiley Edmunds and other citizens.
North Adams,	Gift of Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother Andrew Jackson Houghton.
Northampton,	Bequest of John Clarke, supplemented by other gifts and by the city.
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North Attleborough,	Gift of children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards, as a memorial of their parents.
Northborough,	Gift of Cyrus Gale.
North Brookfield,	Mainly the gift of Erasmus Haston.
Northfield,	Gift of Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
North Reading,	Gift of Mrs. Charles F. Flint.
Norton,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
Norwood,	Gift of George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
Oakham,	Bequest of Charles A. Fobes of Petersham, as a memorial of his father, P. Ames Fobes; and gift of Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester and of Mrs. Harriet Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y., in memory of Hiram Fobes and Hiram Nye Fobes.
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Quincy,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
Randolph,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
Rehoboth,	Gifts of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
Revere,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Rochester,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford.
Rockland,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Rockport,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Royalston,	Gift of Phineas S. Newton.
Salem,	Gift of heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
Sandwich,	Bequests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Weston of Plymouth.
Scituate,	Gift of George Otis Allen and Miss Cornelia Maria Allen, in memory of their parents.
Scituate, North,	Gift of Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.
Shirley,	Built mainly by bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen.
Shrewsbury,	Bequest of Jubal Howe.
Shutesbury,	Bequest of Mirick N. Spear of Amherst.
Somerset,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Hood.
Somerville,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie for a branch library of West Somerville.
Southampton,	Gift of Winslow H. Edwards, as a memorial of his father.
Southbridge,	Gift of Holmes Ammidown of New York.
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Stoneham,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Stoughton,	Gift of Lucius Clapp of Randolph.
Stow,	Gift of Miss Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.
Sturbridge,	Bequest of George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father, Joshua Hyde.
Sudbury,	Bequest of John Goodnow of Boston.
Sunderland,	Gift of John Long Graves.
Swansea,	Gift of Hon. F. S. Stevens.
Taunton,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Tisbury,	Gift of Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur, as a memorial of her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux.
Tyngsborough,	Bequest of Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
Uxbridge,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
Walpole,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Ware,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde and others.
Warren,	Gift of Nathan Richardson and others.
Watertown,	Built by Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
Wayland,	Bequest of Warren Gould Roby.
Wellesley,	Gift of Hollis H. Hunnewell.
West Boylston,	Gift of G. Calvin Rice.
West Brookfield,	Gift of Charles Merriam of Springfield.
Westford,	Gift of Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
Westminster,	Bequest of Charles A. Forbush.

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APPENDIX V

ADVISORY VISITORS, 1911-12

Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz,	Yarmouthport.
Miss May Ashley,	Greenfield.
Mrs. Francis C. Barlow,	Lenox.
Miss Alice G. Chandler,	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. Cole,	Wenham.
Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr.,	Brookline-Manchester.
Mrs. W. Murray Crane,	Dalton.
Mrs. Zenas Crane,	Pittsfield-Dalton.
Mrs. Frederick Cunningham,	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss Julia Delano,	New Bedford.
Miss Nellie E. Dodge,	Springfield.
Miss Ida F. Farrar,	Springfield.
Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno,	Rowley-Boston.
Miss Anna B. Jackson,	North Adams.
Miss Elisabeth Johnson,	Boston.
Miss Ada L. Joslin,	Oxford-Boston.
Miss Katharine P. Loring,	Prides Crossing.
Miss Lucy Lowell,	Boston.
Miss Madeline C. Mixter,	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss Mary Morison,	Boston.
Miss Mary L. Poland,	Springfield.
Miss Mary Rodman,	Concord.
Mr. William H. Sanderson,	Chester.
Mrs. Robert K. Shaw,	Worcester.
Miss Alice Shepard,	Springfield.
Miss Martha N. Soule,	Hyannis.
Miss Mary G. Stone,	Manchester.
Miss Mary Anna Tarbell,	Brimfield.
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore,	Hudson.

APPENDIX IV

A ROLL OF HONOR

GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS

ACTON,	Gift of Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
AMESBURY,	Bequest of Mary A. Barnard and others.
AMHERST, NORTH,	Mainly the gift of citizens.
ANDOVER,	Gift of citizens.
ARLINGTON,	Gift of Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her husband.
ASHBURNHAM,	Gift of George F. Stevens.
ASHBY,	Gift of Edwin Chapman of Boston.
ASHLAND,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ATTLEBOROUGH,	Gift of citizens.
AUBURN,	Gift of Leander H. Merriam.
AYER,	Gift of Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
BARNSTABLE,	Gift of Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
BARRE,	Gift of Henry Woods of Boston.
BECKET,	Gift of Miss Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
BELCHERTOWN,	Bequest of John Francis Clapp.
BELMONT,	Gift of Henry O. Underwood.
BERNARDSTON,	Gift of Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
BEVERLY,	By city appropriation, gifts and bequests.
BILLERICA,	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
BLANDFORD,	Gift of Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
BOLTON,	Gift of Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.
BOURNE,	Gift of Miss Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
BOYLSTON,	Gift of Miss Salome E. White of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White.
BRAINTREE,	Gift of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
BRIMFIELD,	Gift of James Danielson Lincoln, as a memorial of his mother and his wife.
BROCKTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
BROOKFIELD,	Gift of William A. Banister of New York.
CAMBRIDGE,	Gift of Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
CANTON,	Gift of Augustus Hemenway.
CARLISLE,	Gift of Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
CHARLEMONT,	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
CHATHAM,	Gift of Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
CHELMSFORD,	Gift of Amos F. Adams of Boston.
CHELSEA,	Gift of Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, 1885; destroyed in the great fire of April 12, 1908. Gift of Andrew Carnegie, 1908, for a new building
CHICOPEE,	Bequest of Mrs. Justin Spaulding and gift of citizens.
CLINTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.

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Colrain,	Gift of Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
Concord,	Gift of William Munroe.
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Dedham,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
Deerfield,	Bequest of Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
Dennis,	Bequest of Jacob Sears.
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Duxbury,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
East Bridgewater,	Gift of Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
Eastham,	Gift of Eastham Village Improvement Society.
Easthampton,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
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Freetown,	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
Gardner,	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
West Gardner,	Gift of Mrs. Helen H. Greenwood, as a memorial of her husband, Alvin M. Greenwood.
Georgetown,	Gift of George Peabody.
Gloucester,	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.
Goshen,	Memorial of John James.
Granville,	Gift of Hon. M. B. Whitney and others.
Great Barrington,	Gift of heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell, as a memorial of their father at Housatonic; bequest of Mrs. Mary F. Mason (1910).
Groton,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
Hadley,	Gift of John Dwight and others.
Hanover,	Bequest of John Curtis of Boston, supplemented by gift of his daughter, Miss Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
Hardwick,	Gift of Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
Hardwick (Gilbertville),	Gift of Col. Edward H. Gilbert.
Harvard,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
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Hingham,	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
Hinsdale,	Gift of citizens.
Holden,	Gift of Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
Holliston,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Holyoke,	Gift of citizens.
Hopedale,	Gift of Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
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Hubbardston,	Gift of Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
Hudson,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.

Ipswich,	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
Kingston,	Bequest of Frederic C. Adams.
Lancaster,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
Lawrence,	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
Lee,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
Leicester,	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
Lenox,	Gift of Mrs. Adeline E. Schermerhorn.
Leominster,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Lexington,	Gift of Mrs. Maria Cary, for a town hall and library building; gift of heirs of Mrs. Maria Cary, for separate library building.
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Longmeadow,	Mainly by bequest of Miss Sarah W. Storrs.
Ludlow,	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
Lunenburg,	Gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
Lynn,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute, as a memorial of her husband.
Malden,	Gift of Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son.
Manchester,	Gift of Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
Mansfield,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
Marblehead,	Bequest of Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
Marion,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
Marlborough,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
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Middleton,	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
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Norton,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
Norwood,	Gift of George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
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Quincy,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
Randolph,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
Rehoboth,	Gifts of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
Revere,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
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Royalston,	Gift of Phineas S. Newton.
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Tyngsborough,	Bequest of Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
Uxbridge,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
Walpole,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Ware,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde and others.
Warren,	Gift of Nathan Richardson and others.
Watertown,	Built by Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
Wayland,	Bequest of Warren Gould Roby.
Wellesley,	Gift of Hollis H. Hunnewell.
West Boylston,	Gift of G. Calvin Rice.
West Brookfield,	Gift of Charles Merriam of Springfield.
Westford,	Gift of Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
Westminster,	Bequest of Charles A. Forbush.

WESTWOOD,	Gift of Howard Colburn.
WEYMOUTH,	Gift of Quincy Tufts and his sister, Miss Susan Tufts.
South Weymouth,	Bequest of John S. Fogg.
WILLIAMSBURG,	Bequest of Stephen Meekins.
Haydenville,	Gift of Miss Anna Hayden.
WINCHENDON,	Gift of Charles L. Beals.
WINTHROP,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza W. Frost, as a memorial of her husband, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
WOBURN,	Bequest of Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father.
NORTH WOBURN,	Bequest of Jonathan Thompson, for a memorial of his wife.
WRENTHAM,	Gift of heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
YARMOUTH,	Gift of Nathan Matthews of Boston.

APPENDIX V

ADVISORY VISITORS, 1911-12

Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz,	Yarmouthport.
Miss May Ashley,	Greenfield.
Mrs. Francis C. Barlow,	Lenox.
Miss Alice G. Chandler,	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. Cole,	Wenham.
Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr.,	Brookline-Manchester.
Mrs. W. Murray Crane,	Dalton.
Mrs. Zenas Crane,	Pittsfield-Dalton.
Mrs. Frederick Cunningham,	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss Julia Delano,	New Bedford.
Miss Nellie E. Dodge,	Springfield.
Miss Ida F. Farrar,	Springfield.
Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno,	Rowley-Boston.
Miss Anna B. Jackson,	North Adams.
Miss Elisabeth Johnson,	Boston.
Miss Ada L. Joslin,	Oxford-Boston.
Miss Katharine P. Loring,	Prides Crossing.
Miss Lucy Lowell,	Boston.
Miss Madeline C. Mixter,	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss Mary Morison,	Boston.
Miss Mary L. Poland,	Springfield.
Miss Mary Rodman,	Concord.
Mr. William H. Sanderson,	Chester.
Mrs. Robert K. Shaw,	Worcester.
Miss Alice Shepard,	Springfield.
Miss Martha N. Soule,	Hyannis.
Miss Mary G. Stone,	Manchester.
Miss Mary Anna Tarbell,	Brimfield.
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore,	Hudson.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twenty-third report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1911 to Nov. 30, 1912.

The Commission

Miss Elizabeth P. Sohier of Beverly was reappointed by Governor Foss a member of the commission, on Oct. 16, 1912, for the term of five years.

Libraries aided

The town of Buckland has established a free library, and it has been supplied with $100 worth of books in accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890.

The last installment of books has been supplied to the town library at Savoy during the year, completing the allowance to that town.

The Free Public Library Commission has supplied books to the following towns during the year: —

Acushnet	Carlisle	Freetown, East
Alford	Chilmark	Gosnold
Bellingham	Chester	Greenwich
Berkley	Clarksburg	Halifax
Boxborough	Dana	Hampden
Brimfield	Dunstable	Hancock
Buckland	Eastham	Leverett
Burlington	Egremont	Middlefield

Montgomery	Richmond	Truro
New Marlborough	Rowe	Tyringham
North Reading	Royalston	Warwick
Oak Bluffs	Sandisfield	Washington
Orleans	Savoy	Wendell
Paxton	Shirley	West Stockbridge
Peru	Shutesbury	Whately
Plainfield	Southampton	Windsor
Prescott	Sudbury	Worthington — 51.

In addition to the above, books given to the commission by its friends have been sent to the following towns: —

Buckland	Holland	South Hadley
Hardwick	Shirley	Templeton — 6.

The commission has sent supplies to the following towns during the year: —

Boxford (West Boxford)	Falmouth (Woods Hole)	Monterey
Buckland	Hawley	North Reading
Burlington	Holland	Orleans
Charlemont	Hubbardston	Savoy
Chilmark	Leverett	Westhampton
	Maynard	Yarmouth (W. Yarmouth) — 17.

Sets of books on agriculture, owned by the commission, have been sent to Ashby, Brimfield, Oak Bluffs, Prescott, Rowe and Tyngsborough; a French traveling library has been sent to Millbury and Douglas. A collection of French books has been given to Acushnet, and Italian books have been sent to Richmond.

Instruction of Librarians

The tuition of the librarian of the Orange Public Library has been paid by the commission at the summer library school of Simmons College. The expenses of three librarians have been paid by the commission at the library institute at Amherst. The towns represented were Hudson, Rowe and Shutesbury. Miss Ruby Tillinghast has been sent to the following

towns for instruction in book-mending: Bedford, Carlisle, Clinton, Haverhill, Lincoln, North Reading, Westborough.

Better Financial Support for Libraries

In visiting libraries and discussing plans with librarians and trustees, the commission workers constantly find libraries crippled and unable to serve the community as they should because of inadequate income. Trustees and other friends should arouse public interest, point out what other communities are doing, and use every means, including that most important one, — the newspaper, — to gain for the library the moral and financial support that it requires. If the library is really to be an educational force in the community, it must have generous support. A large proportion of the Massachusetts libraries owe much of their usefulness to the added efficiency due to the financial aid received from private individuals and organizations, and from the income of gifts and bequests. Trustees and others interested in the welfare of the town can do much to stimulate such gifts. They can also often secure larger appropriations from the town by an intelligent and business-like representation of the needs of the library, and of the work which, with a larger income, it could accomplish.

Library Buildings

Massachusetts has been fortunate in the recognition by her citizens of the importance of library buildings in rural communities as well as in the larger centers of population, and in the generosity with which this need has been supplied.

It is now sixty years since the philanthropist, George Peabody, on the occasion of the centennial of his native town of Danvers, in 1852, offered a gift of $20,000, which was subsequently increased to $200,000, to erect and maintain a library that received the name of the Peabody Institute of South Danvers. Later, when this portion of the town had been incorporated as the present town of Peabody, he gave a second library building and fund for its support to the town of Danvers, and a third to the town of Georgetown, his mother's early home. This first gift library in Massachusetts was offered in a letter

from England which, by Mr. Peabody's request, was read at the centennial celebration of the town, in the name of "education, — a debt due from present to future generations;" and the letter added: "In payment of that debt by the generation which preceded me in my native town of Danvers, and to aid in its prompt future discharge, I give to the inhabitants of that town the sum of $20,000 for the promotion of knowledge and morality among them." The sum given was to be used in erecting a building, and maintaining a library and a course of lectures annually.

In the same spirit other gifts of buildings promptly followed; some from individuals, others from associations and groups of citizens. After the civil war, memorial buildings were erected as a more fitting monument than granite shafts or statues. Men who had, like Mr. Peabody, gone forth from the little towns to make their fortunes elsewhere, followed his example in providing for the generations to come advantages which they themselves had not enjoyed. Summer residents, mill owners and other employers of the townspeople also made generous provision for the neighbors among whom they had lived and worked, until to-day over 200 towns in Massachusetts own library buildings, as free-will offerings of their own residents or in memory of former citizens. In addition, there are 30 buildings to which Mr. Andrew Carnegie has been the chief contributor, many of which have also received generous gifts from the people of the town and from the town itself.

Thirty-six separate library buildings have been erected by local taxation, and 68 libraries are located in municipal buildings, usually in connection with town halls. In the smaller towns this combination offers many opportunities if cordial relations and co-operation are maintained between the library and the other departments of the town. Without lessening its usefulness for town meetings and other public gatherings, a town hall under the same roof with a library provides, without expense, a suitable place for exhibitions of pictures or books, lectures, story-telling, study clubs and classes for natives or foreigners, and there is every opportunity to make the building a social center for the entire town and for library extension work.

The value of such social centers cannot be over-estimated, and their connection with the library is natural and important. Many towns already have more than one building, so that villages remote from the center have their own reading-rooms, either as branch libraries or as separate institutions. Some of these buildings are gifts, in other cases the town has granted a disused school-house or engine-house, which has been remodeled by the neighbors or the town.

There still remain 40 towns whose libraries have neither separate library buildings nor homes in municipal buildings, but the number decreases each year. There are also libraries in buildings no longer adequate for the needs of the present time, and every community should carefully consider how to change these conditions and to secure the advantages enjoyed by other towns.

Special attention is directed to the Roll of Honor, printed as Appendix III. to this report. This roll is made up of the list of givers of free public library buildings in Massachusetts. Following this list are the names of other libraries in separate buildings and in buildings owned by the town, and the names of those towns whose funds are accumulating for library buildings.

Appended is a list of libraries that have new buildings or will have them in the near future. In some cases the building is now under construction. Details may be found under the town in Appendix I.

Athol
Beverly
Boston
(Charlestown Branch)
(East Boston Branch)
(North End Branch)
Brockton
Chicopee
Dartmouth
(North Dartmouth)
Falmouth [1]
(Woods Hole)
Great Barrington
Hardwick
(Gilbertville)
Holland [1]
Lanesborough
Montague [1]
(Montague City)
Northbridge [1]
Orange
Rehoboth [2]
Salem
(Branch Library)

[1] Buildings completed.

[2] Memorial Hall.

Somerville
Southborough [1]
Southbridge
Springfield [1]
Springfield
(North End Branch)
Truro [1]
Waltham
West Boylston [1]
Wilbraham [2]
Winchendon
Worcester
(Greendale Branch)
(Quinsigamond Branch)
(Southbridge Street Branch)

Woman's Education Association

The commission acknowledges with pleasure and pride the admirable work accomplished by the Woman's Education Association in the circulation of the traveling libraries in the smaller towns and in the outlying villages of the State. During the year 1912, 80 libraries made 97 visits to the following 89 towns and villages: —

Alford
Ashburnham [3]
Athol [3]
Blandford [4]
Bourne [4]
Boxborough
Brookfield
Buckland
Charlemont [3]
Cheshire [3]
Chester Center
Chilmark
Clarksburg
(Briggsville)
Colrain
Cotuit [3]
Cummington Center
Dalton [3]
Dartmouth [3]
Drury
(Florida)
Dunstable [5]
Duxbury [3]
East Freetown
East Pepperell
Erving
Farley
Florida
Georgetown [3]
Gilbertville [5]
(Hardwick)
Gill
Goshen
Greenwich
Halifax
Hancock
Hawley
Heath
Holliston [3]
Hoosac Tunnel
Huntington
Hyannis [3]
Ipswich [3]
Knightville
(Huntington)
Leverett
Leyden
Littleton [3]
Littleville
(Chester)
Millbury [3]
Miller's Falls
Montague Center [3]
Montague City
Monterey
Montgomery
New Salem
North Chester
Oak Bluffs
Oakham
Otis
Paxton
Pelham
Peru
Plainfield
Reading [3]
Rowe
Russell
Rutland
Sandisfield
Sandwich [4]
Shirley [3]
Shutesbury
Southfield
(New Marlborough)
Swift River
(In Cummington)
Turner's Falls [3]

[1] Buildings completed.
[2] Remodeled house.
[3] These places have had special libraries only.
[4] These places have had Audubon libraries only.
[5] These places have had both special and regular.

Tyngsborough [1]
Tyringham
Upton [2]
Wales
Washington
Webster [2]
Wellfleet
Wendell
West Acton
West Center (Stockbridge)
West Cummington
Westminster [2]
Westport
West Stockbridge
West Tisbury
West Yarmouth
Wheelwright (Hardwick)
Windsor

Twenty-two sets of pictures for exhibition purposes have made 124 visits to 107 places.

Sets of pictures relating to the coronation of George V. and to wild beasts have been added to the traveling picture collection. Both of these sets have given much enjoyment wherever exhibited. Among the other popular sets may be mentioned the following: glimpses of Europe, Rome, the Grand Canyon, the Canadian Pacific Railroad, China, India, and Walter Crane's Fairy Tales.

The association has this year provided two Polish libraries which have proved very successful. An Italian library given by the Circolo Italiano will soon be available for lending purposes, and the Colonial Dames of Massachusetts have given one Polish and one Italian library which will soon be ready for circulation.

Advisory Visitors

In Appendix IV. will be found the list of advisory visitors. The following members began service for the commission during the past year: Miss Caroline Jenks of Bedford; Mr. Harlan H. Ballard, librarian, Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield; and Dr. George E. Wire, librarian, Worcester County Law Library, Worcester.

The commission desires to express its special gratitude for the painstaking interest taken in the library for the town of Holland by Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., a member of the Board of Advisory Visitors. Not only did Mr. Coolidge design and give the plans for the new library building in Holland, the money for which was appropriated by the town, but he personally oversaw its construction, and made one of the addresses at the time of its dedication. It was a gracious tribute to the

[1] This place has had Audubon library only.
[2] These places have had special libraries only.

town of Holland for its interest, energy and independence in furthering library progress within its borders.

The Field Work of the Commission

During the year Miss Brown, the agent of the commission, has addressed various granges and other associations or gatherings, thirteen in number, on subjects relating to library work. Requests from trustees and librarians in all sections of the State have been received for a visit from the agent, to advise regarding contemplated improvements, changes in method or ways of bettering the service. These requests come from the towns of medium size, as well as from the small ones. The agent has also visited many of the smaller libraries, especially in towns of low valuation, where the commission makes gifts of books, usually meeting the librarian and trustees, and frequently also the superintendent of schools, teachers and others particularly interested. Among the topics discussed are deposit stations in outlying districts and in schools, more liberal rules for borrowers and the proper selection of books. The possibility of an increased appropriation is often debated, and by pointing out ways in which the library should serve the community, the agent helps create a sentiment for increased financial support of which there is often urgent need.

Following is a list of places visited by Miss Brown during the year: —

Adams
Amherst
Amherst (North Amherst)
Ashburnham
Ashby
Athol
Ayer (two visits)
Becket
Buckland
Burlington (three visits)
Charlemont (two visits)
Cheshire (three visits)
Chester
Chester Center
Chilmark
Clarksburg (two visits)
Clinton
Dedham
Deerfield
Enfield
Florida
Gardner
Gay Head
Georgetown
Great Barrington
Great Barrington (Housatonic)
Hamilton (two visits)
Hanson (two visits)

Harvard
Hawley
Hingham
Hingham
(Nantasket)
Hinsdale
Holland
Hubbardston (two visits)
Leverett
Lunenberg
Manchester (two visits)
Maynard (four visits)
Nahant
New Marlborough
North Adams (normal school)
North Andover
North Reading (three visits)
Orleans
Otis
Palmer (two visits)
Pelham
Phillipston
Prescott
Princeton
Russell
Saugus
Savoy (two visits)
Sheffield (two visits)
Shirley
Somerset
South Hadley
Southborough
Templeton (two visits)
Tisbury
(Vineyard Haven)
Townsend
West Stockbridge
Westhampton (three visits)
Westminster
Williamstown
Winchendon (two visits)
Wrentham

Miss Jones, the assistant to the commission, has visited in a similar way the following libraries: —

Acton
Falmouth
Falmouth
(Woods Hole)
Hanson
Melrose
Saugus

There are numerous libraries in the State that are still unclassified and have no adequate catalogue. To aid such libraries at a minimum expense, the commission suggests the simplest feasible methods, advises suitable catalogues and supplies, and sends the agent to estimate the cost and to plan and supervise the work. In towns of less than $600,000 valuation the commission itself furnishes a cataloguer for about two weeks to assist in the work and to instruct the local librarian. At the same time, an effort is made to increase general interest in the library. Volunteer workers are often enlisted who gain increased knowledge of the books and of the possibilities of the library. The agent usually speaks in the schools, gathers the

children in the library for further explanation, and frequently arranges similar meetings for adults. The trustees and the public express hearty appreciation of the improvements, and the librarian and teachers feel more keenly the advantage of the catalogue and other modern methods.

Libraries in the following towns have been classified and catalogued with help from the commission, in several cases a new card charging system being also installed: —

	Volumes.		Volumes.
Buckland	3,500	Maynard	4,955
Burlington	4,172	Monterey	2,550
Charlemont	3,818	North Reading	6,184
Cheshire	5,988	Orleans	8,262
Chilmark	2,376	Savoy	715
Deerfield	3,018	Sheffield	2,744
Hanson	3,400	Westhampton	3,513
Hawley	1,866	Winchendon	9,902
Holland	1,041		

For the past three years the commission has taken part in the library section of the Conference for Rural Social Workers, held at Amherst each summer by the Massachusetts Agricultural College. This year technical instruction was provided during a two-days' library institute, preceding the five-day conference. Practice work was offered in the college library, lessons were given in book-mending, and lectures on book selection, ordering and accessioning, classification, cataloguing, charging systems, and work with schools and children. The attendance at the institute numbered 33 persons from 23 different libraries; and during the five-days' general conference, library sessions with addresses were held each morning, at which 7 additional libraries were represented, making a total of 30.

Booklists.

For a number of years the library commission has sent the A. L. A. booklist to most of the libraries of the State. Beginning with January, 1913, in accordance with the notice which has been sent to all libraries, it will be subscribed for only on request from the librarian or trustees of libraries in the smaller towns where it has been agreed to preserve the files.

The list of books prepared by the Woman's Education Association will be distributed as heretofore. This list appears twice a year and has notes on the latest books which are selected to meet the needs in particular of the smaller libraries.

The commission will send to all libraries whose membership is not represented in the Massachusetts Library Club, the club's bulletin, which is published five times a year.

Number of Books allowed to Each Reader

The commission is able to report that all the free public libraries of the Commonwealth permit the use of at least two books to each reader at a time, with the exception of the following: —

Acton	Hanson	Mattapoisett
Ashland	Hinsdale	Tisbury
Cummington	Hubbardston	West Newbury
Enfield	Lee	Williamstown — 12.

It is gratifying that the rule of permitting two books to a reader, one only being fiction, has become so general. Where the use of one or more magazines is added to this privilege in a small library, its usefulness to the community is greatly increased. The small library, with its limited time of opening, can well afford to be most liberal in its policy of the number of books loaned to its patrons. In most of the libraries above listed it is fair to state that special privileges are granted for study and research.

Commission and Library Activities

With the consent of the trustees of the Berkshire Athenæum and the willing co-operation of Mr. Harlan H. Ballard, the librarian, the commission has subscribed for library privileges in the Pittsfield library for ten of the small towns in Berkshire County, trusting that the usefulness of borrowing will prove of so great an advantage that the trustees of the ten libraries will themselves continue the nominal subscription in future years. Mr. Ballard of Pittsfield and Mr. John A. Rowe, libra-

rian of Williams College Library at Williamstown, are ready and eager to assist in every possible way the progress and development of library interests in Berkshire.

In accordance with a vote passed at the meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club at New Bedford, on Oct. 25, 1911, the president of the club, Mr. Belden, appointed a committee to inquire into possible ways of co-operation between the various library clubs of the Commonwealth and the Free Public Library Commission, and to consider how the larger libraries might be of assistance to the smaller ones. The committee was duly appointed, and held its first meeting on Jan. 13, 1912, at the office of the State Librarian. Mr. Belden was asked to serve as chairman of the committee, and Miss Hooper of Brookline as secretary. The committee presented a tentative report at the January meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club at Chelsea. The report contains suggestions for more systematic arrangement of the various club meetings; for the co-operation of the commission, through its agent, with the smaller clubs at their meetings; for making available the publications of individual libraries; for a plan to facilitate the exchange of surplus books, etc., and for the enlargement of the scope of the very useful Club Bulletin. In conclusion, this first tentative report states that "in stimulating the exchange of books under chapter 140 of the Acts of 1911, which provides that 'any free city or town public library may lend its books or other library material to any other free public library in any city or town under such conditions and regulations as may be made in writing by the board of trustees or other authority having control of the library so lending,' and that 'any city or town may raise money to pay the expense of so borrowing books and other library material from the library of any other city or town,' it is the opinion of the committee that it should ascertain to what extent and under what conditions not only the free city libraries, but the university, college and large private libraries of the State are willing to lend reference and other expensive classes of books to small libraries in their county or vicinity on occasional demand, or for study clubs, or for other purposes."

The committee then goes on to say that "in order to foster

and develop library administration in the small libraries, the committee should find out under what conditions the large public libraries of the State are willing to give expert aid to the small libraries by sending, for a few days or even a day, one of its assistants to a library in a neighboring town for purposes of advice and instruction in simple methods of library administration; and it should also find out how many of the large libraries are willing to receive and to give expert aid and training for a limited period to a visiting librarian from a small town. Further, that the committee should compile a list of speakers who may be obtained from libraries or through their help, and should place the same at the disposal of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Library Club for use in making program suggestions to local clubs."

In accordance with the above suggestions letters containing a series of seven questions were sent to 57 libraries in Massachusetts. The secretary has received 43 replies to these letters. Those not heard from were chiefly the smaller institutional libraries.

In summarizing the answers, the libraries which contribute them have been divided into two classes: first, public libraries, and second, college, museum and special libraries. Librarians in the first class reply very generally in the affirmative to the requests of the committee; certain libraries in the second class are naturally restricted, by the requirements of their own patrons, to a less generous response.

In order to make the report intelligible the text of each question, with a brief summary of the answers given by each class of libraries, is presented: —

1. "To what extent and under what conditions is your library willing to lend books or photographs to small libraries in your county or vicinity for the use of study clubs or for other purposes? Please define as nearly as possible what class of books you would be willing to lend, whether you would lend reference or other expensive volumes." (See Acts of 1911, chapter 140, giving authority to a city or town library to lend its books.)

The public libraries express a general willingness to lend

books to small libraries, with due consideration for the wants of their own readers. They sometimes specifically exclude "reference and other valuable books," but often only such books as are generally in demand by their own patrons. One large and generous public library of 140,000 volumes offers to lend books and photographs to any library, anywhere and for any length of time consistent with proper library service at home, excluding only one or two hundred of the rarer books from this lavish offer. The college and special libraries place necessarily more restrictions on their lending of books. A few are, however, very generous. Special mention should be made here of the reply sent by the Massachusetts Agricultural College in regard to its library extension work. A review of the extension work for the first year may be found on page 21 of this year's commission report.

2. "Under what conditions will you send for a few days, or for even a day, one of your library assistants to a neighboring town to give advice or instruction in simple methods of library administration, if the expense entailed is defrayed by the Free Public Library Commission or by some interested person?"

This question is, perhaps, the most interesting of all. The replies from the public libraries are, with a very few exceptions, in the affirmative. Two libraries even suggest that the opportunity would be welcome as good training for the assistants who would be sent. The college and special libraries reply, in general, that they are unable to comply with this request, but even in this class a few are anxious to help, if asked.

3. "Under what conditions will you welcome a visiting librarian from a small town, and give such expert aid and training for a day, or for several days, as may be necessary?"

This was answered by both classes of libraries quite generally in the affirmative, although several state that they would not be able to furnish systematic instruction to visitors.

4. "Will your librarian, assistants or trustees be willing to speak or to present a paper at an occasional small library club meeting? Please give names and special line of work or interest."

5. "Will you be able to send, on request, to the secretary of the Massachusetts Library Club, suggestions regarding suitable speakers in your vicinity for the small library club meetings?"

The replies to questions 4 and 5 contain much that may be helpful in the future to the various library clubs in the State.

6. "To what extent are your library bulletins distributed to other libraries in the State?"

7. "When you issue publications of value to small libraries, under what conditions may they be distributed to all of the small Massachusetts libraries?"

Replies to questions 6 and 7 evince a general willingness to be generous in the distribution of bulletins and special lists to any libraries in Massachusetts which can make good use of such material.

As an example of one kind of practical information gathered by these questions, the following is quoted from the committee's report: —

Two museum libraries and several public libraries which have large collections of photographs have responded cordially to the question in regard to giving help either by sending an assistant or by receiving a visiting librarian. Any one who has grappled with the difficulties of buying and caring for photographs will realize the advantage that a few visits of this sort might bring to him.

While this report has been an impersonal record of answers received, it would be a pleasure for the committee to acknowledge a few of the long and painstaking replies which entered thoroughly into the spirit of helpfulness among libraries for which the clubs and the commission stand.

The librarian of Williams College, Mr. John A. Lowe, has so often extended to the libraries of Berkshire County the cordial offers of help which he repeats in the reply sent to this committee that it is safe to assume that he will not object to being mentioned here.

The committee wishes to make available for use the information collected through this series of questions. It is hoped that the smaller clubs will join in doing this, and that they will call upon the secretary of the committee for any help and detailed information she can give.

In regard to borrowing books, the small library is advised to apply generally to its nearest large neighbor; failing here, to write to the secretary of this committee for suggestions.

In regard to questions 2 and 3, which are concerned with lending an assistant or receiving a visiting librarian, the Free Public Library Commission has the facts in its possession gathered through the questionnaire, and already has made practical use of this method of co-operation.

In reference to questions 4 and 5, concerning speakers for the meetings of the smaller clubs, application should be made to the secretary of the Massachusetts Library Club, Mr. Moulton of Haverhill.

The report of the committee closes with the statement that "it has by no means said the last word on the subject which it was appointed to consider, but it hopes that its reports may contain a few suggestions for the closer co-operation and more friendly relations of the various library clubs, and of the libraries, large and small, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

The present membership of the committee on co-operation is as follows: —

Mr. Charles F. D. Belden, chairman, State Librarian and chairman of the Free Public Library Commission.

Mr. Robert K. Shaw, Worcester, president of the Bay Path Library Club.

Miss Harriet B. Sornborger, Hopedale, president of the Southern Worcester Library Club.

Miss Anna L. White, Lenox, president of the Berkshire County Library Club.

Miss Martha N. Soule, Hyannis, vice-president of the Cape Cod Library Club.

Mr. George L. Lewis, Westfield, ex-president of the Western Massachusetts Library Club.

Mr. William W. Bryant, Brookline, ex-president of the Old Colony Library Club.

Miss Zaidee Brown, State Library, agent of the Free Public Library Commission.

Mr. John G. Moulton, Haverhill, secretary of the Massachusetts Library Club.

Miss Louisa M. Hooper, Brookline, secretary of the committee.

It is through co-operation of the nature above described that the best results can be obtained under the conditions prevailing in Massachusetts.

Library Extension Work

The library of the Massachusetts Agricultural College reports good progress in their library extension work. During the ten months, January to October, 1912, 881 volumes and pamphlets on agriculture and related subjects were loaned to 33 free public libraries. The books and pamphlets are sent out, upon request, in the form of small collections relating in many cases to special subjects, such as harvesting and marketing of crops; poultry; farmers' co-operative societies; seed selection, testing, etc.; rural social betterment work; vegetable gardening, etc. It is the intention to make the town and village libraries the agency through which the material will be circulated. The collections are primarily intended for libraries not oversupplied with books or book funds. For the present the borrowing library is expected to pay transportation charges. The books may be kept for eight weeks, subject to an extension of time if the supply of material will permit. It is gratifying to note that many of the libraries report good circulation, and that the demand for books from the library of the Massachusetts Agricultural College is increasing.

Work with Foreigners

The events of the past year have emphasized the importance of greater efforts to Americanize and enlighten the yearly increasing number of foreigners who have come to our shores, ignorant of our language and our laws. In this work the public libraries should serve as leaders. Every library in a town with a foreign population can at least offer to the newcomers books in their own language which will give them some knowledge of our country, our institutions and our laws. Notices that such books can be obtained in the library can be placed in factories, post offices and railroad stations. Children at the schools can be requested to carry such notices to their parents, and many other expedients can be devised adapted to the locality.

Libraries with a hall can often arrange for a lecture or talk in which some of the newcomers themselves may be able to

take part. If the library has no assembly hall, some schoolhouse can be utilized for a lecture, or for a display of pictures and books from the library, and the children can be invited to bring their parents.

The co-operation of employers, schools and local organizations interested in the welfare of the town should also be sought.

Useful leaflets can be obtained from the North American Civic League for Immigrants, 173 State Street, Boston; and the Massachusetts Civic League, 3 Joy Street, Boston, can furnish information as to entertainments which have proved successful in interesting the foreign population in American history.

The commission is much interested in the sale and distribution of the admirable "Guide to the United States," published under the auspices of the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution. This guide is familiarly known as "the little green book," and has served admirably in meeting the problems of newcomers to this country. This book is now published in the Italian, Polish and Yiddish languages, with an English translation of the Yiddish edition. Guides in other languages are now in preparation. Copies may be obtained at the Social Service Library, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, as well as from the author, Mr. John Foster Carr, 241 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The commission will also furnish at any time such advice or assistance in relation to library work with foreigners as lies within its power.

Recommendations

Many of the small libraries in the Commonwealth are already overcrowded and quite unable to care properly for the numbers of volumes they now receive from the State. Provision must be made to relieve their shelves of the books which experience has shown to be of little value and use to the community in which the library is located.

The commission recommends that the distribution of books and reports to libraries in the smaller towns which do not de-

sire to receive them be discontinued, and that the libraries be authorized to return to the State Library such volumes as they now own and do not wish to retain, or to make such other disposition of them as may be approved by the commission. If this recommendation is adopted, these little libraries can obtain from some larger, neighboring library any special volume or volumes for which their readers may call.

It may also be well to authorize the return of the Public Documents to the State by the towns which, with the approval of the record commissioner, have voted no longer to accept them, in accordance with the provision of the Acts of 1908, chapter 422.

The great and important educational influence of a library in a community is obtained only where the best modern methods of library administration are followed. How to aid the small towns, which are unable to employ a trained librarian, to secure some measure of expert management, is one of the difficult problems confronting the commission.

A step in this direction was taken when a State agent was appointed to visit and advise the libraries, but more direct and constant service is required than can be given by one agent to over 400 libraries. A far longer step would be made if it were possible for a dozen or a score of small neighboring libraries to engage the services of a trained and highly competent librarian to supervise the activities of each library in the group. Such a system would be similar to that of district school superintendents, which has brought great advantage to the Commonwealth, and the entailed expense might properly be borne in part, at least, by the State.

During the past year there has been a marked increase in the demands made upon the Free Public Library Commission. This is explained by the fact that greater publicity has been given to the commission and its interests, not only by the Board of Advisory Visitors and its paid agent, but through active co-operation with the Massachusetts Library Club and the six smaller clubs in various sections of the Commonwealth. Active co-operation has also been established with the State Board of Education, thereby enlarging the opportunity for aiding chil-

dren in schools through school deposit stations of books from the town libraries.

Trustees and persons interested in libraries from different parts of the State have sought advice of the commission as to administration and the construction of library buildings.

There has been a widespread demand for assistance in the towns of foreign population, especially for books which will advance the knowledge of the English language, and promote good citizenship and familiarity with our laws. The commission's usefulness in this direction has been necessarily restricted by the limited funds at its disposal. The commission, therefore, recommends an increase in its appropriation for aid to small libraries.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DR. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION, 1911–12. CR.

1911.					
Dec. 1 to	Books for stock to be distributed to libraries	$989 65		Amount drawn from appropriation of $2,000 for aid to libraries	$2,000 00
Nov. 30,	Supplies for libraries	299 30			
1912.	Pamphlets for libraries, including A. L. A. and W. E. A. lists	584 07			
	Tuition of one student at Simmons College library school, summer course, and expenses of three librarians at Amherst Institute	29 80			
	Miscellaneous	97 18	$2,000 00		
	Salaries and services	$1,732 03		Amount drawn from appropriation of $3,000 for expenses	3,000 00
	Traveling expenses	546 75			
	Supplies for commission	480 49			
	Books for office use	22 76			
	Printing	41 18			
	Miscellaneous	176 79	3,000 00		
	Agent's salary		1,600 00	Amount drawn from appropriation of $1,600 for agent's salary	1,600 00
	Annual report		270 45	Amount drawn from appropriation of $350 for printing and binding of annual report	270 45
	Total		$6,870 45	Total	$6,870 45

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN, *Chairman.*

APPENDICES

I. Notes of Library Progress.

II. Free Public Libraries, Chairmen of Trustees, Librarians, etc.

III. Roll of Honor: List of Givers of Free Public Library Buildings in Massachusetts. Other Libraries in Separate Buildings and in Buildings owned by the Town. Funds accumulating for Library Buildings.

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V. General Library Legislation of Massachusetts.

Appendix I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

Acton. The library has been recatalogued during the year. A deposit station has been started at South Acton and one at West Acton.

Acushnet. A set of Scott's novels has been given by Mr. Edwin Denham of New Bedford, and a collection of French books by the commission.

Adams. The library entertained the Berkshire County Library Club, March 28.

Alford. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, has been presented to the library by the commission, and books have been received from the commission.

Amesbury. The reading room is now open on Sundays.

Andover. For the coming year the library has subscribed for a second copy of some of the leading magazines for general circulation, and books especially for use in the farming districts of the town have been purchased. Gifts of technical books on rubber, flax and cotton spinning, etc., have been given by owners of the local mills.

Arlington. The library has received from the will of Winfield Robbins $2,500 for preserving and increasing the collection of paintings and other decorations. A marble memorial of the late Winfield Robbins has been set up in the rotunda of the library.

Ashby. The privilege of allowing two books on a card has been granted.

Athol. At the March town meeting it was voted to accept Mr. Carnegie's offer of $15,000 for a new building, with the stipulation that the town appropriate 10 per cent. of that sum annually for maintenance.

Attleborough. New steel stacks have been put into the library. A gift of $3,000 from Daniel H. Smith has been added to the Daniel H. Smith fund.

Auburn. Ten dollars has been given for books for small children, and the Auburn Men's Club has given to the library $114 for books. A large clock has been received from the Soangetaha Club. The librarian has been very successful with scrapbooks containing photographs of old houses of the town and picture post cards of libraries. Seven story-telling hours have been held during the year, which have been well attended.

Avon. The town hall, which contains the library, has been burned, and most of the 4,000 volumes in the library have been destroyed.

Ayer. The trustees have voted to allow more than one book to a reader and to lower the age limit.

Barnstable. *Cotuit.* A reminiscence afternoon, for which personal invitations were sent out, was held at the library. Refreshments were served, a sketch of Cotuit history was read and "America" was sung. The affair was a great success. An exhibition of Portuguese embroidery, hand work, post cards and plants was held at the library. A supplementary outside reading course for high school pupils has been formed, and a list of votes by pupils of the various schools on books has been compiled. In the summer wild flowers were brought in and labeled with both common and scientific names.

Hyannis. Each reader is now allowed two books on a card.

Barre. The South Barre branch has been discontinued.

Becket. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum in Pittsfield has been presented to this library by the commission.

Bedford. A neighborhood meeting was held here in September, under the auspices of the commission. Miss Ruby Tillinghast was sent to the library by the commission for two days' instruction in book-mending.

Bellingham. Books have been received from the commission.

Berkley. Books have been received from the commission.

Bernardston. The library hours have been extended six hours a week.

Beverly. A reading room is to be opened in the parish house at North Beverly and is to be in charge of a joint committee of the Men's Club and the Women's Club. Reference books will be furnished by the library and deposits of books sent whenever desired. The work on the new building is progressing satisfactorily, and it is hoped that it will be completed this year.

Boston. Many valuable gifts have been received during the year. A site has been purchased for a new branch building in Charlestown; the cost, including the building thereon to be demolished, will be $15,000. A new branch library for the North End, on North Bennet Street, has been placed under contract, the cost, including furniture and equipment, to be $86,000. A most interesting volume entitled "Boston Public Library: a History," by Horace G. Wadlin, has been published during the year. The conference of the literature and library extension divisions of the Massachusetts State Federation was held in December. Story-telling by Miss Dorothy Hopkins was greatly enjoyed, and there were many papers of interest. A story hour has been held at the West End branch, with Mrs. Mary W. Cronan as a most successful story-teller. A site has been selected for the East Boston branch, on the corner of Havre and Brooks streets.

Bourne. The Sagamore branch has now a room provided by Mr. Eben S. S. Keith. Two sets of encyclopædias were given by Mrs. J. A. Gorland.

Boxborough. Children are now allowed to have a card when they are old enough to go to school. Weekly entertainments have been given during the summer, by which $150 has been raised to repair the interior of the building. Books have been received from the commission.

Boxford. A gift of $100 has been received from Mrs. Susan E. Wilkins of Middleton in memory of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Killam.

West Boxford. A new charging system has been adopted.

Boylston. Miss Salome E. White of Brooklyn, who gave the Sawyer Memorial Library to Boylston, has presented the library with the "International Encyclopædia of American Biography," in 14 volumes, in memory of her father, Thomas White.

Braintree. A branch has been started at East Braintree, and books are sent once a week from the main library. The catalogue has been completed. Miss Lucretia F. Hatch of North Marshfield has been chosen librarian, to succeed Miss Julia L. Crocker, who resigned to accept the position of librarian of the Public Library, Stoneham.

Brewster. By the will of the late Joseph Nickerson the library receives the income from $3,000.

Bridgewater. A children's room has been installed in the base-

ment of the library. The funds for the work were taken from the Susan A. Goodrich bequest to the library. The Ousamequin Club has presented the library with a set of 22 books on the drama of the different countries of the world.

Brimfield. A collection of local Indian relics belonging to G. W. Plimpton of Brimfield has been loaned to the library. Mr. Plimpton has been present on Saturday evenings to show the specimens and explain their uses, and teachers and pupils of the schools have greatly profited by the instruction given by him and by Prof. J. T. Bowne, librarian of the International Young Men's Christian Association College of Springfield, who is a specialist concerning the Indians of New England. Children's books have been sent by the library commission, and a supply of books will be loaned for a period of three months to the Holland Library and exchanged from time to time. Mrs. Mary Knight Hyde of Ware has given $25. In West Brimfield, Mrs. Edward King has distributed books from her home, and in East Brimfield, Mrs. W. C. Davenport and Mr. Dunham have also distributed books from their homes, and have given much thought to the selection.

Brockton. A valuable collection of confederate bills, over 500 in number, has been received from the Treasury Department. Exercises for laying the corner stone of the new Carnegie public library were held on May 15. The library is to cost $110,000.

Brookfield. Thirty-four bound volumes of "Scribner's Magazine" have been given by Mrs. Charles O. Brewster of South Dartmouth. Story hours have been held once each week. All the material regarding the town has been collected and a list compiled from the historical books and articles covering town history; also local imprints. Town reports have been bound and the files are now complete.

Brookline. A series of story hours has been inaugurated at the library. A course of instruction for parents on selection of books has been given by Miss Lockwood of the children's department, and a special parents' exhibition was held during the holiday season. The children's department is now open evenings. Last year the reading room was open until 10 o'clock, but this has been discontinued. Children's books were exhibited as suggestions for the Christmas shopper.

Buckland. A free public library has been established and the town has appropriated $150. The books are to be kept at the

Public Church Library, which is free to all. In accordance with the law of 1890 the State has given $100 worth of books. The library has been reorganized under the direction of the commission.

Burlington. The library has been recatalogued under the direction of the library commission. Books have been received from the commission.

Cambridge. All borrowers are now allowed to take on the non-fiction card as many books as desired, except those recently published, or otherwise restricted. Four new deposit stations have been started and one renewed.

Canton. The Center School Association has raised the amount subscribed for building the library to $774.23.

Carlisle. Since the recataloguing of the library the circulation has greatly increased. The library has been wired for electricity during the year and books have been received from the commission. The commission sent Miss Ruby Tillinghast for two days to instruct the librarian in book mending.

Carver. The branches at North Carver, South Carver and Bates Pond have started again, after being discontinued.

Charlemont. The cataloguing and classification have been revised, the shelf-list completed and a card catalogue made under the direction of the commission.

Charlton. A set of Mark Twain's books has been given by Mr. Lyman Lamb of Charlton Depot.

Chelmsford. A legacy of $200 has been received from Miss Maria L. Reed.

Chelsea. The meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club was held here January 25. In November, Miss Simpson celebrated her forty-third anniversary as librarian.

Cheshire. A gift of 177 volumes, the beginning of the F. François Petitclerc memorial collection, by Mrs. Emma L. Petitclerc of Ottawa, Ill., in memory of her son, has been received. The library has been reclassified and a new catalogue made, under the direction of the commission. The ladies of the town held a successful fair in August for the benefit of the library. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum in Pittsfield has been presented to this library by the commission.

Chester. Books have been received from the commission.

Chicopee. The new building is partially completed. The Chicopee Falls branch library has been moved to Court Street,

where the accommodations will be more ample than ever before.

Chilmark. The library has been reorganized by the library commission. A library reception was held at the close of the recataloguing. Books have been received from the library commission. Two books are allowed on a card and one magazine.

Clarksburg. At the last town meeting $40 was appropriated and three trustees appointed for a year, and an effort is being made to establish three branches and appoint librarians for these branches. The books which were in different places have been collected and sent to the North Adams Public Library, where they are being catalogued and classified. Books have been received from the commission.

Clinton. The members of the staff of the library were entertained at the Hudson Public Library with a demonstration of methods of book repairing. The trustees have purchased 8 volumes entitled "The World's Best Music," to ascertain whether or not music lovers will appreciate the opportunity of securing, at the library, books containing the masterpieces of vocal and instrumental composition. Miss Ruby Tillinghast was sent by the commission for two days' instruction in book mending.

Cohasset. *Paul Pratt Memorial Library.* The will of Miss Mary L. Williams makes a bequest to the library of $2,000. Shelf accommodations for about 3,000 books have been added to the main stack room.

Nantasket Library. Books are loaned by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at Cohasset for a period of two months. The librarian attended the institute at Amherst this summer.

Concord. During the past year a legacy of $5,000, given in the will of Miss Martha R. Hunt, and the sum of $850, the remainder of a legacy of $1,000 given in the will of Miss Mary Munroe, have been received.

Conway. The librarian attended the conference of librarians at Amherst.

Dana. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Danvers. An unlimited number of non-fiction is allowed (excepting recent publications) and charged for a month, with the privilege of renewal; two books of fiction are given to those living at a distance, to high school pupils in connection with the study of literature, to shut-ins and others, according to con-

ditions. Printed lists have been distributed to members of the grange, and a description of each book has been furnished by the librarian and read at the meeting of the grange. The Bird Club had the use of the library rooms for illustrated lectures and informal talks.

Dartmouth. At North Dartmouth a new library is being built by the town on land owned by the town. During July and August four books were given out on one card, to be kept a month if desired.

Dedham. The Oakdale branch library has been moved from a room in the Oakdale school to a building owned by the town. A reserve postal-card system has been adopted. Three thousand dollars has been left to the library by Miss Catherine Lamson.

Deerfield. The library has been catalogued with the aid of the commission.

Dighton. A clock has been given to the library by Mrs. C. A. Weed and a bust of Shakespeare by the children of South school. Library hours have been extended ten hours a week.

Douglas. A French library has been loaned by the Free Public Library Commission, and is attracting many French people to the library.

Dunstable. The shelves are now open with no restriction. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Duxbury. The library entertained the Old Colony Library Club August 16. Mr. W. J. Wright has presented the library with 49 volumes of the "Massachusetts Historical and Genealogical Register" and other books.

East Bridgewater. A branch has been established in Northville, and Mrs. E. M. Richardson has been appointed librarian. Three thousand dollars has been received from the estate of the late Mr. W. A. Rust, a native of the town.

Eastham. Deposit stations have been established at North Eastham post office. Several magazines which are allowed to circulate are kept at each end of the town, and books are distributed to the schools. The library has recently adopted the plan of allowing two books of fiction and two books of nonfiction to readers living more than a mile from the library. Books have been received from the commission.

Easthampton. Opening the reading room to the public Sunday afternoons and evenings has met with popular favor.

Eaton. By the will of Mr. Cyrus Lothrop the Ames Free Library receives $10,000. Miss Mary S. Ames has presented a new edition of the "Encyclopedia Britannica" to the library. The library subscribes to two Swedish papers and has a few Swedish books.

Edgartown. Sixty-five books have been given by Mr. E. A. Foster, a summer resident.

Egremont. Books have been received from the commission.

Essex. The library trustees have decided to allow the readers the privilege of one book of fiction and one of non-fiction.

Everett. An addition to the Shute Memorial Library is soon to be erected. The addition to the Parlin Memorial Library has been completed. Six thousand dollars was given for this by Mr. A. N. Parlin.

Fairhaven. All non-fiction may be kept four weeks instead of two, as formerly, and novels of certain standard writers may be kept four weeks, and may be taken with one other work of fiction. An examination of the books has been made, and about 1,000 worn-out and superseded volumes have been rejected. A special collection of about 1,500 books has been placed in an unused room for occasional reference.

Fall River. Many notable gifts have been received during the year, among them several valuable pictures.

Falmouth. *Woods Hole.* The new library building is nearly completed, and the recataloguing and reclassifying have been started under the direction of the commission. The money for the library has all been raised by subscription, and much interest has been shown by the townspeople.

Fitchburg. Application blanks for borrowers' cards have been distributed through the evening schools. A classified list of fiction has been added to the card catalogue. Story hours have been held in the art gallery. Various editions of the Bible have been exhibited to recognize the tercentenary of the English Bible. Mr. Henry A. Willis, chairman of the board of trustees, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as trustee of the public library.

Framingham. A deposit station has been established at Saxonville and one at Nobscot.

Freetown. Avis Stone of Assonet has given $50 to the library.

East Freetown. Books have been received from the commission.

Gay Head. Much interest is being shown in trying to raise money for a building to serve as a library and town hall, that it may be used as a social center.

Georgetown. The public documents have been arranged in the basement with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

Gloucester. Plans have been drawn for the contemplated extension to the Sawyer Library, and the work will be pushed as fast as possible. This addition will cost $8,000.

Goshen. Nine hundred and fifty dollars has been received from the estate of the late Mr. J. L. Babcock, Ann Arbor, Mich. The income of $425 has been received from the estate of the late Emogene Pynchon.

Gosnold. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. The privilege of allowing more than one book to a reader has been granted.

Grafton. Branch stations have been established at North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville. Distributing agencies have been started at the four schools in these towns. Story hours have been held and a list of books for the schools has been made.

Granby. Two books are now allowed on a card.

Great Barrington. The corner stone of the new Mason Memorial Library was laid April 13. It will cost $50,000. The Berkshire County Library Club held a meeting here January 18.

Housatonic. A bequest of $500 has been received from Mrs. Tulla. The Housatonic Library and Entertainment Club have made a gift of $600 to the library. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, has been presented to the library by the commission.

Greenfield. Mrs. Mary B. Hawks has presented to the library an excellent portrait of Dr. Joseph Beals, for many years a prominent citizen in Greenfield and one of the leading workers in securing a public library; he also served for many years as a trustee, part of the time as chairman of the board.

Greenwich. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. A delivery station has been started in the general store at Greenwich.

Halifax. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Hamilton. The library has received by the will of Dr. Justin Allen of Topsfield $500, the income to be used for the pur-

chase of books. The store at South Hamilton is now a branch library.

Hampden. Miss Alice Shepard, from the City Library, Springfield, visited the library, remaining three days with the librarian. The selectmen's books have been moved to a new room in the town hall, leaving more available space in the library. Books have been received from the commission.

Hancock. Books have been received from the commission.

Hanover. The library has now five delivery stations: one at Hanover, North Hanover, South Hanover, West Hanover and Assinippi.

Hanson. The library has been classified and catalogued with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission, a card catalogue having been made for both North and South Hanson. The Burrage branch has been discontinued. The age limit has been changed from twelve to ten years. By the will of Mr. T. S. Mitchell of Plymouth the library has received $500.

Hardwick. The privilege of free access to the shelves has been granted.

Gilbertville. A new library building is under construction, erected by Col. Edward H. Gilbert on a site given by the Geo. H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company.

Harvard. With the aid of the library commission a shelf list has been made for the library and the juvenile books separated from the adult.

Haverhill. A meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club was held here on October 24, followed by a conference conducted by the Free Public Library Commission on the 25th. Miss Tillinghast spent a day and a half at the library, a mending bee was held and neighboring librarians invited to attend. An exhibit was held at Christmas of children's books, and many of the books displayed were bought by the townspeople in the local stores. Several story hours have been held. The local camera club held its annual exhibit at the library; the Arts and Crafts Society held its annual exhibition, and there was a special exhibition from the National Arts and Crafts Society. Sixty-seven meetings of study clubs and other organizations have been held in the club room.

Hawley. The library has been recatalogued under the direction of the Free Public Library Commission.

Hingham. The privilege of allowing four books on a card, two of fiction and two of non-fiction, has been granted. By the

will of Miss Mary R. Whiting of New York the library is to receive a valuable collection of books and engravings.

Hinsdale. The privilege has been granted of allowing each reader one book of fiction and one of non-fiction, and a teacher may borrow any number of books not exceeding twenty-four. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum in Pittsfield has been presented to the library by the commission.

Holbrook. Mr. E. E. Holbrook has given $5,000, the income of which is to be used for the support of the library, this making a sum of $15,500 which he has given the town for this purpose.

Holden. The age limit has been changed to nine years instead of twelve.

Holland. The dedication of the new library building took place on August 24. The library was recatalogued and reclassified by the library commission before the dedication. Gift books and a dictionary have been received from the library commission, and a dictionary stand from a friend. The privilege of borrowing a selection of books from time to time has been granted by the Brimfield library, additional books having been sent there by the commission to aid this good work.

Holliston. The annual meeting of the Southern Worcester Library Club was held here October 15.

Holyoke. This year, as last, a deposit has been made of about 100 selected books for the Boys' Club. A circulation of 759 was reached and the books all returned in good condition. Volunteers connected with the Y. M. C. A. have acted as agents of distribution in two factories where, in the winter months, deposits have been made.

Hopedale. Each person is allowed three books at one time, and books are circulated during the Sunday hours of opening. The experiment of placing new books, regularly added to the library, in the reading room for two weeks previous to their being placed in circulation has been tried. People express pleasure in seeing all the new books together, and read them while in the reading room. Grade reading courses have been carried on during the summer vacation.

Hubbardston. A collection of minerals has been given by Mrs. C. H. Glazier. Electric lights have been installed during the year.

Hudson. The librarian attended the library institute at Amherst. The library received a visit from the Misses Dagni Graarad

and Helga Usturda, two Norwegian women, who were in America studying public library methods and conditions.

Huntington. The library has been moved to a room in the Murrayfield school building.

Ipswich. A new rule of allowing any person wishing books for study to take out a reasonable number and keep them beyond the usual limit has been adopted. Children work about the library to pay their fines. The Y. M. C. A. keeps a shelf of books sent from the library to try to interest the boys who would not otherwise go there. Books have been added for the Greeks.

Kingston. A portrait of the late Horatio Adams, who was chairman of the trustees from the opening of the library until his death, has been received.

Lakeville. The women of the Lakeville Library Circle have collected $1,400 for library purposes, and have asked the town for an appropriation for a library building. A site has been given by the heirs of Mr. Luther Washburn.

Lanesborough. The town has been paying $5 a year for the past two years to the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, for the use of books. By the will of Mrs. Maria H. Newton the library has received money for a building which will probably be available within two years.

Lawrence. During the year $1,000 has been received from the trustees of the White fund and $200 from the Pacific fund. A new plan, which has proved most successful, has been to collect vacation booklets from the railroads and furnish them to the public.

Lenox. The South Berkshire Library Club met here in December.

Leominster. The deposit station at North Leominster, which was used very little, has been discontinued. The age limit has been reduced from fourteen to twelve years. By way of special advertising, typewritten bulletins have been made, stating the resources of the library, hours of opening, etc., and a cordial invitation has been extended to the public. A colored post card of the library is pasted at the top of the bulletin. These have been placed in factories. The library kept open house for the school teachers for an afternoon, sending them an informal invitation to attend and perhaps suggest new ways in which the library could help in their work. Books on special subjects were exhibited, and the teachers were given an opportunity to become acquainted with reference books, poetry,

indexes, picture collections, etc. Refreshments were served and 73 guests attended. Good work has been done with the clubs in town. Exhibits of pictures have been held.

Leverett. The privilege of allowing two books on a card has been granted. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. A branch library has been opened at the Long Plain school.

Lexington. A story hour at the branch library conducted by a volunteer student from Simmons has been very successful.

Leyden. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. A site has been offered for a library by Mr. A. J. Shattuck if some one will give the building.

Lincoln. Responsible people are allowed an unlimited number of books, except recent fiction. Books for study can be kept as long as wanted, unless called for by some one else. Books have been borrowed from the Boston Public Library. Miss Tillinghast spent two days at the library instructing the librarian as to the best method of repairing books.

Littleton. Books have been given by Mr. J. E. Fletcher of Ayer.

Longmeadow. Mrs. H. B. Emens has been chosen librarian in place of Mrs. David Booth, who has resigned. The Western Massachusetts Library Club met here February 8. The library hours on Saturday have been extended two hours.

Lunenburg. The new schoolhouse at Baker's Station makes use of the library to distribute books to some extent. The privilege of open shelves has been granted to all borrowers.

Lynn. Books are now deposited in the Breed school. A bequest of $1,000 from Mr. Charles Francis Pierce, also one of $1,000 from Mr. John Page Woodbury, has been received.

Malden. Deposit stations have been established at Linden, at the Y. M. C. A. and at the fire stations. An unlimited number of non-fiction is issued on one card. A bequest from Mrs. Mary W. F. Smith of $1,000 has been received for the purchase of books. Mrs. Lizzie A. Williams, for twenty-one years librarian, has resigned, and Mr. Herbert W. Fison succeeds her. The library is being recatalogued and reclassified.

Manchester. Mr. D. L. Bingham died January 17, at the age of ninety-seven years. He was librarian of the public library from its inception to the time of his death, having the distinction of being the oldest librarian in active service in the State. Miss Jennie C. Sargent has been chosen to succeed him. Mr. F. M. Stanwood of Boston has presented to the

library 27 volumes, Mr. Ralph Henry Barbour a set of his own works, and Dr. R. T. Glendenning 25 volumes.

Marlborough. The Robin Hill Improvement Association deposit station has been discontinued, and one started at the Young Men's League.

Marshfield. The Sea View distributing station has been discontinued, leaving six distributing stations now in use.

Mashpee. One hundred books have been received from the Millicent Library, Fairhaven, and 25 books from the Cotuit Library.

Maynard. The library has been recatalogued under the supervision of the commission, and a greater interest is being aroused by the teachers and pupils.

Medford. Mrs. S. C. Lawrence has presented to the library the residence adjoining that building in memory of Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence. This is to be used as a children's library, and is to be known as the Samuel Crocker Lawrence Annex. There have been 1,564 volumes presented to the library by Mrs. Lawrence, and the library of Mr. John S. Sturtevant has been received. A distributing agency has been started at the Old People's Home.

Melrose. The library has been reclassified and recatalogued.

Middleborough. The Old Colony Library Club was entertained here November 21.

Middlefield. Books have been received from the commission.

Middleton. The library has been wired for electricity.

Millbury. The trustees are allowing two books to a reader, one of fiction and one of non-fiction. A story hour has been started and is proving very successful.

Monroe. Books have been distributed from the schools.

Montague. *Montague City.* Since the organization of the Ladies' Industrial Society in June, 1911, $1,000 has been raised and a Library Hall built. The cost is about $3,000, and it is hoped that sufficient money to cancel the debt will soon be raised. Miss Ella Hazelton and Mr. Edward Hazelton have furnished the new library. The purpose of Library Hall is to establish a village room for social and other purposes.

Turner's Falls. A "children's hour" has been held every Saturday.

Monterey. There has been received $476.21 from the heirs of Mrs. Frank Conley. The library has been reclassified with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission.

Montgomery. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Nantucket. Teachers have the privilege of taking six books for school use, which may be kept one month. Mr. Henry B. Worth of New Bedford has donated 374 volumes to the library.

New Bedford. The library has received a large and valuable collection of medical books from the library of the late Dr. Wm. M. Swift. The gift of an extensive collection of photographs and reproductions of J. M. Millet's paintings has been presented to the library by Mr. H. H. Crapo.

New Marlborough. Books have been received from the commission.

Newton. Alterations are being made and the building enlarged, the cost of these changes being estimated at $41,047. A memorial library is to be built in West Newton, the donor being Mr. W. M. Bullivant.

North Adams. A meeting of the Berkshire County Library Club was held here on March 28. Special pains have been taken to advertise the library. Schools have been visited and the pupils in the eighth and ninth grades, high schools and normal schools have been taught the use of the library.

North Andover. Any teacher or student can draw as many books of non-fiction as she wishes, subject to recall when wanted. Mr. Nathaniel Stevens has given $20 for the purchase of books for little children. Story-telling hours have been held during the summer vacation.

North Reading. The library has been recatalogued under the supervision of the Free Public Library Commission. Books have been received from the commission. Miss Ruby Tillinghast was sent by the commission to instruct the librarian in book mending.

Northampton. *Forbes Library.* Mr. Joseph L. Harrison assumed his duties as librarian February 1.

Northbridge. The new library building given by Messrs. Edward and A. F. Whitin is nearly completed. Mr. R. C. Sturgis of Boston is the architect.

Northfield. Books are sent to a school 3 miles from the library and distributed to the people in that vicinity.

Oak Bluffs. This library has granted to the Chilmark Library the privilege of borrowing a selection of books for a period of three months, and books have been sent by the commission to

aid this work. A traveling library of agricultural books has been loaned by the commission.

Orange. Books are being sent to the West Orange school. Two books are now allowed on one card. A new building is in process of construction, the donor being Mrs. John W. Wheeler Thompson. The librarian attended the Simmons College summer school.

Orleans. Each reader is now allowed two books on a card. The library has been recatalogued. Books have been received from the commission.

Oxford. In the spring a nature talk was given, many flowers were displayed and spring songs were sung. The affair was a great success.

Palmer. The stacks have been opened to the public and the building has been entirely renovated. Plans are under way for extension work in the schools and villages.

Paxton. The privilege of allowing two books on a card has been granted. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Pelham. A delivery station has been started at Pelham City.

Pembroke. *Bryantville.* Fines have been reduced from two cents to one cent per day, and the library is now open on one additional day a week.

Pepperell. A collection of 214 books has been given by Miss Everett of Roxbury.

Peru. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission, and an annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, has been presented to the library by the commission.

Pittsfield. The Berkshire Athenæum has received from Mr. Harold Davis 100 books from the library of Dr. W. V. W. Davis.

Plainfield. Any number of books may be taken by the teachers for use in the schools.

Plymouth. The privilege of open shelves has been granted and the two-book system is now in operation.

Prescott. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. A new branch has been started in Grange Hall.

Quincy. By the will of Lydia L. Morton the library has received $5,000, to be known as the George W. Morton fund. A branch has been opened at Atlantic.

Reading. The library has received 180 volumes from the Medford Public Library. These are part of the collection of the late Gen. S. C. Lawrence, which was bequeathed to the library there and found to be duplicates.

Rehoboth. The building in which the library was located was burned in July and many books and records destroyed. Plans for a new memorial hall have been drawn, and include a very nice library room.

Revere. The two-book system has been adopted. Much good work has been done with the schools, and as a result more children have registered than ever before.

Richmond. Books for the children and for the Italians have been received from the commission. An annual membership card to Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, has been presented to the library by the commission.

Rowe. Branches have been started in four of the village schools and the library hours have been extended three days a week. A traveling library has been loaned by the Free Public Library Commission. During the summer a concert was given and the sum of $15.70 was added to the library fund. The librarian attended the Library Institute at Amherst. Miss Alice Newell has resigned as librarian and Mrs. L. T. Jones succeeds her. Books have been received from the commission.

Rowley. The librarian recommended opening the library Wednesday afternoons, and volunteered to do the extra work without any advance in salary. Thirty-five juvenile books have been given by Miss Lizzie E. Hale.

Royalston. Free access to the shelves has been granted and the privilege of two books to a person. A hall clock has been received from Miss Bertha Lee, and books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Salem. A branch library is in process of construction, the cost being estimated at $15,000. The library has been remodeled and now includes a separate children's room.

Sandisfield. Books have been received from the commission. Mrs. Atwater and Miss Frances B. Russell have given books and magazines.

Sandwich. The two-book system has been adopted. There have been 112 books given by Miss Lucy and Mr. James Freeman of Boston.

Saugus. The librarian attended the Library Institute at Amherst.

Savoy. The library has been recatalogued with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. The sum of $5 for new shelves has been received from a friend and books have been placed in the schools.

Seekonk. The removal of one-half the library from the town hall to Association Hall has proved a very satisfactory arrangement.

Sharon. By the will of Mr. Lucius Clapp of Randolph the library receives $3,000 for the purchase of books. Money is being raised by the citizens for a new building; $774.52 has been contributed by the Center School Association. The age limit has been changed from fourteen to twelve years.

Sheffield. Books have been loaned to the high school for a period of two months. The library has been classified with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission, and the open-shelf system has been adopted.

Shirley. The open-shelf system has been adopted. A bequest of $250 has been received by the will of Samuel Longley. Books are now supplied to the State Industrial School and also sent to Shirley Center. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Shutesbury. The librarian attended the Library Institute at Amherst. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Somerville. Two new branches were opened, in East Somerville and Union Square, in February and March, which already have a circulation of 50,000 apiece. The city voted $45,000, as the value of the old building, toward a new one, for which Andrew Carnegie has promised $80,000. Work was begun in September, and the fall of 1913 is set for its occupancy. Preparatory to moving, 50,000 volumes are being selected for the new open-shelf book room, and the classification and catalogue are being extended and corrected. Besides the Central and three branch buildings, deposits of books are placed in some 200 schoolrooms, churches, clubs and fire stations. The "scheme of service" for selecting and promoting library assistants is proving its value. Borrowers are now allowed one novel, two periodicals and any reasonable number of non-fiction; non-fiction may be kept for a month unless "recalled" after two weeks for another borrower.

Southampton. Books have been received from the commission. The Western Massachusetts Club met here October 8.

Southborough. The new library was opened to the public September 20, the land being a gift from the heirs of Mr. Joseph Burnett, the town erecting the building. Gifts of a clock from Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burnett and a bust of Lowell and of Longfellow from Mrs. W. B. Fay have been received.

Southbridge. A lot has been purchased by the heirs of Mr. Jacob Edwards of Boston, who are to build a library building as a memorial to their father. The plans have been made by Mr. H. D. Burnham of Chicago.

Spencer. Free access to the shelves is now allowed.

Springfield. The new library building, costing $355,000, was dedicated January 10. One thousand dollars from the estate of Mr. J. L. Shipley and $500 from Miss Margaret Shipley have been received. The library has been made the residuary legatee of one-third of the estate of Mr. W. B. Walker. The total distributing agencies, including 280 classrooms in the public schools, is 314. A joint meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club, the Bay Path Club and the Western Massachusetts Library Club was held here June 6 and 7. Springfield was one of the ten cities selected by the National Education Association to exhibit at the Chicago convention samples of the work of the library in co-operation with schools. The site for the new branch library at the North End has been decided upon. Two thousand five hundred dollars has been received from Mr. H. H. Skinner.

Sterling. Two schoolhouse deposit stations have been started. A few books have been received from the library of Mr. J. Q. Reed of New York.

Stoneham. Mrs. H. M. Boyce has resigned as librarian, after a service of thirty years, and Miss Julia L. Crocker of South Braintree has been elected.

Stoughton. By the will of Miss Mary E. Farrington of Stoughton the library receives $1,000.

Stow. Twenty-five volumes of fiction have been received from Mrs. A. B. Gleason.

Sudbury. Efforts are being made to start a deposit in a schoolhouse at North Sudbury, and books have been sent by the commission to aid this good work.

Swansea. Miss Julia R. Wellington has resigned after thirty years' service, and Rev. O. O. Wright of Sandy Hook, Conn., has been appointed her successor. Five hundred dollars from Mrs. S. S. Stevens has been added to the book fund.

Taunton. An oil painting entitled "Autumn," by J. J. Enneking, has been given by the Woman's Club.

Tisbury. Two books are now allowed to each reader.

Topsfield. By the will of Dr. J. A. Lamson of Boston the residue of his estate goes to his widow, and upon her death $5,000 will go to the library, the income to be used for the purchase of books.

Townsend. The library has recently received from Mrs. George Jones a picture of the late Sam Walter Foss, together with his last poem, which have been framed together. The Educational Association has given 18 volumes, and thirteen citizens have presented to the library a photographic history of the civil war in 10 volumes. The librarian has given two informal talks to students in the high schools on the use of reference books.

Truro. The new library, the gift of Mr. Elisha W. Cobb of Boston, was dedicated August 31. Gifts of $160 and about 500 books have been received. Books have been received from the commission.

Tyngsborough. A traveling library on agriculture has been loaned by the commission. There is no restriction now on the number of books taken, except new fiction. A bequest of $5,000 from the late Miss Mary E. Bennett has been received. By the will of Mr. Frederick Blanchard the library receives $2,000, to be used for repairs on the building.

Tyringham. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, has been presented by the commission, and books have been received from the commission.

Uxbridge. A deposit of 100 books in the North Uxbridge school has been started, in charge of the principal, and the scholars distribute the books.

Wales. Under the provision of the will of Mr. H. A. McFarland, his widow has the benefit of his estate, and after her death a large part of it goes to the town for the erection of a library.

Walpole. By the will of Miss Lucy Jane Gould the library receives the sum of $500 as a perpetual care fund. Bulletin boards have been placed in post offices and factories announcing new books and giving special lists. A story hour is held every Saturday morning during the school year.

Waltham. The city has received from the trustees of the Buttrick estate the sum of $58,000, and the total amount will probably

be about $125,000. Mr. Francis Buttrick left $60,000 for a library building in 1894, and the amount has accumulated since then. So much interest is being shown by the townspeople in the matter that it is hoped that the commission appointed three years ago will soon report, and that the new building which is so much needed will be started in the near future. Successful work is being done with the schools, the three upper grades of the grammar schools receiving books each month, which are exchanged by pupils, thus saving express. The Christian Union, the fire stations and the Sunday schools also receive books every month.

Ware. One hundred books have been placed in the school building for the use of pupils. Gifts of $30 for Polish books and $50 for children's books have been received.

Warwick. Books have been received from the commission. Books are sent regularly to the schools.

Washington. A collection of books has been received from the commission.

Watertown. Books are sent twice a week to two stations of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The age limit has been removed.

Webster. A catalogue has been made of the children's books. The books for boy scouts have been put on a special shelf, and also books for Sunday-school teachers.

Wellesley. The Wellesley Hills library and reading room has been opened, and is now financed by the Wellesley Woman's Club. Mr. Isaac Sprague purchased the house in which the branch is located and is giving it rent free until March. Five thousand dollars has been left to the library by Mr. Warren Sawyer, the income to be used for the purchase of books.

Wendell. Books have been received from the commission.

Wenham. Two books can now be taken on each card.

West Boylston. The Beaman Memorial Library, the gift of Mr. George Calvin Rice of Worcester, was dedicated September 26. The Newark charging system has been installed.

West Bridgewater. The Young Boys' Club has given $5.53 to the library, and this has been used for book supports.

West Stockbridge. An annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum has been presented to the library by the commission, and books have been received from the commission.

West Tisbury. Several gifts of books have been received. A bird social has been held, games about birds were played and pictures of birds displayed. A small admission fee was charged.

Westborough. Miss Ruby Tillinghast has been sent by the commission for two days' instruction in book mending.

Westford. Borrowers are allowed all the books they wish, except fiction.

Westhampton. The library has been recatalogued under the supervision of the commission.

Westminster. By the will of the late Mr. Manson Haws, $1,000 was left as a fund, the income to be used in the support of the library.

Westport. *Free Public Library.* Patrons living over 3 miles from the library are allowed one week extension of time in returning books.

Westport Point. Two books are now allowed on a card. An effort is being made to bring the village library and the one church into closer touch, and the minister is giving out books at the time of the Boys' Club meetings and social meetings.

Weymouth. *Fogg Library.* The Stetson Shoe Company has given to the library $100 for books and the Old Colony Club $25.

Whately. Books have been received from the commission.

Whitman. There has been $7.50 given by the Woman's Club. The recataloguing and reclassifying of the library are progressing satisfactorily.

Winchendon. The library has been reclassified and catalogued, preparatory to moving into the new building, which is nearly completed. A bequest of $500 from Mrs. Helen M. Stanley has been received, and the Woman's Club has given $2.85.

Winchester. The library is being recatalogued and reclassified according to the Dewey system.

Windsor. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission, and an annual membership card to the Berkshire Athenæum.

Worcester. The Greendale delivery station has been discontinued and one started at Adams Square. Plans are being made for three branch libraries given by Mr. Carnegie. In Greendale nine manufacturing firms have given a site for a branch library. In Quinsigamond the American Steel and Wire Company has given a site for a building. On Southbridge Street, Messrs. M. J. Whittal and Alfred Thomas have given a site for a building. One hundred dollars from the estate of the late Miss Mary J. Sheedy has been received, the income to be used for the purchase of magazines for the ladies' reading room.

The circulating department is now open on three holidays. The children's department has carried on successful work at summer playgrounds, where story-telling has been a feature. A special list of Swedish books has been issued from the cataloguing department.

Worthington. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Albro have presented the library with 80 books. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. The librarian attended the institute at Amherst. Books are sent regularly to the schools.

Yarmouth. At the West Yarmouth library a card catalogue is being made.

APPENDIX II

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMEN OF

	LIBRARIES.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
1	Abington Public Library,	5,455	$3,402,628	Dr. F. G. Wheatley,
	North Abington Branch,	-	-	- -
2	Acton Memorial Library,[1]	2,136	2,425,330	Luther Conant,
3	West Acton: Citizens Library Association.	-	-	F. C. Nash,
4	Acushnet Free Public Library,	1,692	1,007,140	Alden White,
	Long Plain Branch,	-	-	- -
5	Adams Free Library,	13,026	6,447,584	F. A. Bagnall,
6	Agawam Free Public Library,	3,501	2,293,308	- -
	Feeding Hills Branch,	-	-	- -
	Mittineague Branch,	-	-	- -
7	Alford Free Town Library,	275	184,863	E. A. Rich,
8	Amesbury Public Library,	9,894	6,537,580	C. W. Rowell,
9	Amherst: Library Association,[2]	5,112	4,425,882	W. I. Fletcher,
10	North Amherst Public Library,	-	-	W. D. Cowles,
11	Andover: Memorial Hall Library,[2]	7,301	7,207,765	E. K. Jenkins,
12	Arlington: Robbins Library,	11,187	13,980,549	Rev. S. C. Bushnell,
	Arlington Heights Reading Room,	-	-	- -
13	Ashburnham: Stevens Public Library,[2]	2,107	1,220,425	F. D. Lane,
14	Ashby Free Public Library,	885	586,382	H. B. Foster,
15	Ashfield Library Association,	959	724,342	J. M. Sears,
	South Ashfield Branch,	-	-	- -
16	Ashland Public Library,	1,682	1,461,022	Wm. H. Twiss,
17	Athol Free Public Library,	8,536	5,542,480	F. W. Lord,
18	Attleborough Public Library,[4]	16,215	19,538,265	J. L. Sweet,
19	Auburn Free Public Library,	2,420	1,385,000	J. G. Warren,
	Stoneville Branch,	-	-	- -
20	Avon Free Public Library,	2,013	1,036,751	C. F. Porter,
21	Ayer Library,	2,795	2,301,131	G. A. Sanderson,

[1] Two delivery stations. [2] One delivery station.

APPENDIX II

TRUSTEES, LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912-13

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Helen M. Hunt,	Daily, except Sun., 6.30 to 8 P.M.; Wed. and Sat., 4 to 5.30 P.M.	1
Gertrude M. Gleason,	- - -	
Arthur F. Davis,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	2
Harriet H. Gardner,	Sat., 6 to 7.30 P.M.	3
Elsie Collins,	Wed. and Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	4
Mrs. Nathan Mitchell,	- - -	
Lucy C. Richmond,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 9.30 P.M.	5
Ralph Perry,	- - -	6
Samuel N. Smith,	- - -	
Julia E. Tower,	- - -	
Mrs. Rachel E. Ploss,	Wed., 2 to 8 P.M.	7
Alice C. Follansbee,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	8
Mary M. Robison,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	9
Mary E. Harrington,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	10
Edna A. Brown,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 12.30 P.M., 3 to 9 P.M.	11
Elizabeth J. Newton,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.	12
M. Macie Seabury,	- - -	
Lona M. Davis,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	13
Eliza A. Kendall,	Tue., Fri., 12 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; July and Aug., Tue. and Sat.	14
Mrs. B. O. Dodge,	Tue., 7 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	15
Mrs. Charles H. Day,	- - -	
Mrs. Ellen M. Arnold,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Thur., Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	16
Mrs. May A. Cook,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	17
Eugenia M. Henry,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.	18
Abby B. Shute,	Tue., 2 to 8.15 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 8.45 P.M.	19
Rose Smart,	- - -	
Matthew W. Smith,	Tue., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 5 to 9 P.M.	20
S. Adelaide Blood,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	21

[3] Four delivery stations. [4] Three delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
22	Barnstable: Sturgis Library,	4,676	$7,937,990	Dr. W. S. Bigelow,
	South Hyannis Branch,	-	-	- -
	Wianno Branch,	-	-	- -
23	Centerville Public Library Association.	-	-	Chester Bearse,
24	Cotuit Public Library,	-	-	B. F. Sears,
25	Hyannis Public Library Association,	-	-	Mrs. Grace B. Hallett,
26	Marston's Mills Public Library,	-	-	Dr. J. H. Higgins,
27	Osterville Free Library,	-	-	H. S. Parker,
28	West Barnstable,	-	-	H. W. Jenkins,
29	Barre Town Library,	2,957	2,502,540	G. A. Brown,
	Barre Plains Branch,	-	-	- -
	District No. 7 Branch,	-	-	- -
30	Becket Athenæum,	959	566,932	O. S. Willis,
31	Bedford Free Public Library,	1,231	1,669,495	G. R. Blinn,
32	Belchertown: Clapp Memorial Library,	2,054	933,765	Mrs. M. D. S. Longley,
33	Bellingham Free Public Library,	1,696	959,120	W. E. Howes,
	Caryville Branch,	-	-	- -
	Crooks Corner Branch,	-	-	- -
	North Bellingham Branch,	-	-	- -
	Rakeville Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Bellingham Branch,	-	-	- -
34	Belmont Public Library,[1]	5,542	7,539,455	Frederic Dodge,
	Waverley Reading Room,	-	-	- -
35	Berkley Public Library,	999	414,433	Joseph Howland,
36	Berlin Free Public Library,	904	607,760	M. R. Tyler,
37	Bernardston: Cushman Library,	741	467,555	M. L. Corbett,
38	Beverly Public Library,	18,650	39,005,340	W. R. Driver,
	Beverly Farms Branch,	-	-	- -
	Centerville,	-	-	- -
	North Beverly,	-	-	- -
39	Billerica: Bennett Public Library,	2,789	2,829,996	E. S. Bull,
40	North Billerica: Talbot Library,	-	-	- -
41	Blackstone Free Public Library,[2]	5,648	2,370,725	J. F. Walsh,
42	Blandford: Porter Memorial Library,	717	624,456	H. K. Herrick,
	North Blandford Branch,	-	-	- -
43	Bolton Public Library,	764	647,445	J .W. Clapp,

[1] Delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Elizabeth C. Nye,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	22
Mina J. Fuller,	- - -	
Mrs. T. H. Ames,	- - -	
Rose A. Hallett,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 4 to 5 P.M.	23
Alice M. Howard,	Daily (except Sun., Wed. aft. and Thu. eve.), 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	24
Mrs. Ora A. Hinckley,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2.30 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	25
Mrs. J. A. Coleman,	Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	26
Mrs. Mary L. Crocker,	Winter, daily, 7 to 9 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.; summer, 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M., daily.	27
Carrie P. Bursley,	Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	28
Carrie E. Read,	Oct. 1 to May 1, 2 to 5 P.M.; May 1 to Oct. 1, 2 to 6 P.M.; also, 7 to 9 P.M., except Wed., 7 to 8 P.M.	29
Mrs. Carrie J. Bowman,	- - -	
Mrs. Wilfred Hinckley,	- - -	
Mrs. Eliza Millard,	Tues., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	30
Fannie A. Wood,	Wed., 3 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	31
Mrs. Cora Burnett,	Apr. to Nov., Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; daily, except Sun. and Mon., 2 to 5 P.M.; Nov. to Apr., Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 4.30 P.M.	32
Bertha Franklin,	Tue., 7 to 8 P.M.; Fri., 3 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.	33
Mrs. Mary L. Wright,	- - -	
Mrs. Ethel Cook,	- - -	
Harriet Knapp,	- - -	
Mrs. Olive Cook,	- - -	
Mrs. Alice A. Burr,	- - -	
Mary Sawyer,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	34
Bessie T. Gates,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	
Julia R. Burt,	Sat., 2 to 4.30 P.M.	35
Alice E. Babcock,	First and third Wed. each month, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8.15 P.M.	36
Nettie T. Davis,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 8.30 P.M.	37
Martha P. Smith,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 12 M.	38
Lillian A. Culbert,	- - -	
Mrs. Horace Elliott,	- - -	
Benjamin W. Roberts,	- - -	
Emma M. Whitford,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	39
Lillian Bottomley,	Tue., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.	40
Timothy E. Curran,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	41
Mrs. Francis E. T. de Braal,	Tue., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7.30 to 9 P.M.; July and Aug., Tue., 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Wed., Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	42
Katherine Healy,	- - -	
Fidelia C. Newton,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	43

[2] Two delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	LIBRARIES.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
44	Boston: Public Library of the City of Boston.[1]	670,585	$1,481,822,917	Josiah H. Benton,
	Brighton Branch,	-	-	- -
	Charlestown Branch,	-	-	- -
	Dorchester Branch,	-	-	- -
	East Boston Branch,	-	-	- -
	Hyde Park Branch,	-	-	- -
	Jamaica Plain Branch,	-	-	- -
	Roxbury Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Boston Branch,	-	-	- -
	South End Branch,	-	-	- -
	Upham's Corner Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Roxbury Branch,	-	-	- -
45	Bourne: Jonathan Bourne Public Library.	2,474	7,203,725	R. W. Emmons, 2d,
	Bournedale Branch,	-	-	- -
	Cataumet Branch,	-	-	- -
	Monument Beach Branch,	-	-	- -
	Pocasset Branch,	-	-	- -
	Sagamore Branch,	-	-	- -
46	Boxborough Free Public Library,	317	291,021	Albert Littlefield,
47	Boxford Public Library,[2]	718	1,525,798	G. H. Palmer,
48	West Boxford Public Library,	-	-	J. M. Pearl,
49	Boylston Public Library,	714	518,500	G. S. Dodge,
50	Braintree: Thayer Public Library,	8,066	7,908,477	Dr. Wm. Gallagher,
	East Braintree Branch,	-	-	- -
51	Brewster: Ladies Library,	631	886,105	A. L. Thorndike,
52	Bridgewater Public Library,	7,688	3,618,159	W. D. Jackson,
53	Brimfield Public Library,	866	581,532	Dr. R. B. Sawin,
54	Brockton Public Library,	56,878	49,572,372	Horace Richmond,
	Campello Branch,	-	-	- -
	Montello Branch,	-	-	- -
55	Brookfield: Merrick Public Library,[3]	2,204	1,353,506	Rev. W. L. Walsh,
	East Brookfield Branch,	-	-	- -
56	Brookline Public Library,[4]	27,792	111,053,000	Rev. L. K. Storrs,
57	Buckland Free Public Library,	1,573	849,428	E. D. Griswold,
58	Burlington Free Public Library,	591	775,456	W. S. McIntyre,

[1] Sixteen reading rooms. [2] Two delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Horace G. Wadlin,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 10 P.M.; June 15 to Sept. 15, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 9 P.M.	44
Katharine S. Rogan,	– – –	
Elisabeth F. Cartee,	– – –	
Mrs. Elisabeth T. Reed,	– – –	
Ellen O. Walkley,	– – –	
Elisabeth Ainsworth,	– – –	
Mary P. Swain,	– – –	
Helen M. Bell,	– – –	
Mary J. Minton,	– – –	
Margaret A. Sheridan,	– – –	
Josephine E. Kenney,	– – –	
Carrie L. Morse,	– – –	
Mrs. Edith F. Nickerson,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	45
Mrs. Albert Holway,	– – –	
Mrs. Frank Irwin,	– – –	
Mrs. F. E. Babcock,	– – –	
Mrs. Nathan Phinney,	– – –	
Ida Nye,	– – –	
Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins,	Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8.30 P.M.	46
Bertha Perley,	Sat. aft. and Wed. eve.	47
Nellie Spofford,	Sat., 3 to 4 P.M.	48
George L. Wright,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	49
Lucretia F. Hatch,	Daily, except Sat. and Sun., 12.30 to 5 P.M.; Wed. and Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	50
Librarian or assistant from main library.	– – –	
Alma Rogers,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	51
Lucia L. Christian,	Tue., Wed., Thu., Sat., 1.30 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 1.30 to 6, 8.30 to 9 P.M.	52
Mary A. Tarbell,	Wed., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	53
Frank H. Whitmore,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8.30 P.M.	54
Wealthy A. Holmes,	– – –	
Mrs. Abbie L. Curtis,	– – –	
Winnifred S. Farrell,	Daily, 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M., except Sun. and holidays.	55
E. Frances Underwood,	– – –	
Louisa M. Hooper,	July and Aug., Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed. and Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., other days, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Sept. to June, daily, 9 A.M., to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	56
Mrs. C. L. Hunt,	Wed., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12.30 to 1.30 P.M.	57
Mrs. Ella I. Getchell,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; Tue., Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.	58

[3] One delivery station. [4] Three delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
59	Cambridge Public Library,[1]	104,839	$115,947,300	E. P. Collier,
	East Cambridge Branch,	-	-	- -
	North Cambridge Branch,	-	-	- -
60	Canton Public Library,	4,797	5,333,390	H. F. Buswell,
61	Carlisle: Gleason Public Library,	551	478,419	Mrs. G. N. Wilkins,
62	Carver Public Library,	1,633	1,927,482	J. M. Bump,
	Bates Pond Branch,	-	-	- -
	East Carver Branch,	-	-	- -
	North Carver Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Carver Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Carver Branch,	-	-	- -
63	Charlemont Free Public Library,	1,001	535,546	George Frary,
	Zoar Branch,	-	-	- -
64	Charlton Free Public Library,	2,032	1,305,988	L. A. McIntyre,
65	Chatham: Eldredge Public Library,	1,564	1,294,670	H. C. Harding,
66	Chelmsford: Adams Library,[2]	5,010	4,384,005	A. H. Davis,
67	North Chelmsford Library Association.	-	-	- -
68	Chelsea Public Library,	32,452	28,100,106	E. F. Endicott,
69	Cheshire Library Association,	1,509	836,738	R. V. Wood,
70	Chester Free Public Library,	1,377	793,565	H. B. Ober,
	Littleville Branch,	-	-	- -
	North Chester Branch,	-	-	- -
71	Chester Centre Library Association,	-	-	Rev. H. A. Briggs,
72	Chesterfield Town Library,	536	337,763	G. B. Healy,
	West Chesterfield Branch,	-	-	- -
73	Chicopee Library,	25,401	15,230,480	N. P. A. Carter,
	Chicopee Falls Branch,	-	-	- -
	Fairview Branch,	-	-	- -
	Willimansett Branch,	-	-	- -
74	Chilmark Public Library,	282	367,279	Mrs. Florence B. Mayhew,
75	Clarksburg Town Library,	1,207	283,299	J. E. Graham,
76	Clinton: Bigelow Free Public Library,	13,075	9,081,084	W. I. Jenkins,
77	Cohasset: Paul Pratt Memorial Library.	2,585	9,505,041	Philander Bates,
78	Nantasket Library,	-	-	C. E. West,
79	Colrain: Griswold Memorial Library,	1,741	750,480	J. E. Davenport,
80	Concord Free Public Library,[2]	6,421	8,430,670	G. A. King,

[1] Nine delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Clarence W. Ayer,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	59
Mary A. Curtis,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	
Ellen M. Hayes,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	
Mrs. Lucy D. Downes,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	60
Mrs. Mary A. Green,	Sat., 2.30 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	61
Rev. George H. Lockhart,	Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.; Tue., 2 to 8 P.M.	62
- -	- - -	
Mrs. Lester Pratt,	- - -	
Francelia B. Dunham,	- - -	
Marion Copeland,	- - -	
Elsie Lawson,	- - -	
Alice R. Bemis,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	63
Florence Negus,	- - -	
Ruth Wakefield,	Sat., 1 to 8 P.M.; Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.	64
Edna M. Hardy,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M., July and Aug.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M., June to Sept.	65
Mrs. Luella H. S. Clark,	Wed., Sat., 3.30 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Fri., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	66
Anna C. Mackay,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 8.30 P.M.	67
Medora J. Simpson,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.	68
Emma E. Martin,	Wed., 2 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 8.30 P.M.	69
Mrs. J. M. Murtough,	Wed., 3.45 to 5.45 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5.45, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	70
Mrs. J. J. Elder,	- - -	
Mrs. William Smith,	Thu. aft.	
Mrs. Mary E. Foote,	Thu., 1 to 5 P.M.	71
Hoyt E. Dodge,	Sun., 12 to 1 P.M.	72
Mrs. Gilbert B. Healy,	- - -	
Anne A. Smith,	Mon., Tue., Sat. eve; Tue. and Sat. morn.; every afternoon except Sun.	73
Eleanor E. Gorton,	- - -	
May E. Graffam,	- - -	
Mrs. Anna V. Kidder,	- - -	
Mrs. L. B. M. Vincent,	Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.	74
- -	- - -	75
Charlotte L. Greene,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	76
Sarah B. Collier,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Tue., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	77
Mary W. Clark,	Wed., Sat., 4 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Dec. 1 to Apr. 1, Mon. eve.	78
Mrs. K. H. Cram,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 1 P.M.	79
Helen W. Kelley,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 12 M., 1 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M., also.	80

[2] One delivery station.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
81	Conway: Field Memorial Library,[1]	1,230	$750,456	C. D. Ives,
82	Cummington: Bryant Free Library,	637	336,399	A. L. White,
83	Dalton Free Public Library,	3,568	4,566,610	Z. M. Crane,
	South Dalton Branch,	–	–	– –
84	Dana Center Public Library,	736	421,386	O. E. Hager,
	North Dana Branch,	–	–	– –
85	Danvers: Peabody Institute Library,	9,407	6,981,550	G. A. Peabody,
86	Dartmouth Free Public Library,	4,378	4,603,575	H. T. Gidley,
87	North Dartmouth Free Public Library.	–	–	J. H. Tucker,
88	South Dartmouth: Southworth Library.	–	–	Dr. W. E. Channing,
89	Dedham Public Library,	9,284	14,165,685	R. B. Worthington,
	East Dedham Branch,	–	–	– –
	Oakdale Branch,	–	–	– –
90	Deerfield: Dickinson Library,	2,209	2,349,851	Elmer Putnam,
91	South Deerfield Town Library,	–	–	E. A. Rice,
92	Dennis: Jacob Sears Memorial Library,	1,914	1,326,680	– –
	East Dennis: Dennis Library Association.	–	–	A. C. Crowell,
93	Dighton Free Public Library,	2,235	1,319,639	D. F. Lane,
94	Douglas: Simon Fairfield Public Library.	2,152	1,378,758	A. F. Jones,
95	Dover Town Library,	798	6,288,937	A. H. Parker,
96	Dracut Public Library,[2]	3,461	2,523,325	S. R. Kitchen,
97	Dudley Free Public Library,	4,267	1,986,847	J. M. Crawford,
98	Dunstable Free Public Library,	408	425,896	Mrs. Lizzie A. Swallow,
99	Duxbury Free Library,[3]	1,688	3,172,073	Sidney Peterson,
100	East Bridgewater Public Library,	3,363	2,257,623	W. H. Taylor,
101	East Longmeadow Public Library,	1,533	925,485	L. C. Davis,
102	Eastham Public Library,	518	461,942	A. L. Nickerson,
103	Easthampton Public Library Association.	8,524	6,424,918	J. H. Sawyer,
104	Easton: Ames Free Library,[4]	5,139	6,020,358	Rev. W. L. Chaffin,
105	Edgartown Free Public Library,	1,191	1,097,990	A. P. Averell,
106	Egremont Free Library,	605	490,732	Mrs. W. C. Dalsell,
	North Egremont Branch,	–	–	– –
	West Egremont Branch,	–	–	– –
107	Enfield Library Association,	874	725,450	Marion A. Smith,
108	Erving Free Public Library,	1,148	1,017,305	Mrs. Lilla L. W. Brown,
	Miller's Falls Branch,	–	–	– –

[1] One delivery station. [2] Three delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Cora M. Hassell,	Daily, except Sun., 1 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 3 to 6 P.M.	81
Mrs. Lottie W. Tower,	Sat., 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.	82
Mrs. M. E. Davison,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	83
Minnie M. Kirchner,	– – –	
Mrs. Susan E. Stevens,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.	84
Grace A. Haskins,	– – –	
Mrs. Emilie D. Patch,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	85
Mary A. Tucker,	Mon., Thu., 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.	86
Elizabeth E. Gidley,	Mon., Thu., 3 to 4 P.M.	87
Theodosia P. Chase,	Tue., Thu., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	88
Anna P. Roland,	Daily, except Sun., 11 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 9 P.M.	89
Nellie F. Riley,	– – –	
Rachel P. Valentine,	– – –	
Mrs. Irving H. Childs,	Mon., Wed., 3.15 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.	90
Martha A. Pierce,	Mon., Sat., 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Tue., 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.	91
Mrs. Nathan Sears,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	92
Susan Hall,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	
Mrs. Lydia J. Cole,	Sat., 9 to 11 A.M., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Tue. and Thu., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	93
Vera H. Warner,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 6, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., until 9 P.M.	94
Elizabeth F. Heard,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	95
Mrs. Mary L. Hamblett,	Sat., 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.	96
Margaret D. Crawford,	Mon., Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	97
Mrs. Lizzie A. Swallow,	Wed., 2 to 3.15 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 8.30 P.M.	98
Sara B. Higgins,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 6, 7.30 to 9 P.M.	99
Lucy L. Siddall,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 3 to 8 P.M.	100
Mary R. McIntosh,	Wed., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	101
Mrs. Sarah B. Clark,	Wed., Sat., 1.30 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	102
Dorcas C. Miller,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	103
Mary L. Lamprey,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	104
Eunice C. Ripley,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 4.30, 6 to 8 P.M.; Mon. also during summer months.	105
Hilda Brusie,	Sat., 1.30 to 3.30 P.M.; Wed., 1.30 P.M. during boarding season.	106
Miss Millard,	– – –	
Mrs. George W. Smith,	– – –	
Ada L. Harwood,	Sat., 2.30 to 5, 6.45 to 8.30 P.M.	107
Mrs. W. G. Walkup,	Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.	108
Chas. E. Gilbert,	Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.	

[3] Four delivery stations. [4] Five delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
109	Essex: T. O. H. P. Burnham Public Library.	1,621	$1,242,421	A. D. Story,
110	Everett: Frederick E. Parlin Memorial Library.	33,484	29,687,800	Rev. G. G. Hamilton,
111	East Everett: Shute Memorial Library.	-	-	Solomon Shute,
112	Fairhaven: Millicent Library,	5,122	3,887,090	H. H. Rogers,
113	Fall River Public Library,[1]	119,295	97,886,062	Leontine Lincoln,
114	Falmouth Free Public Library,[2]	3,144	11,796,757	E. P. Beebe,
115	West Falmouth,	-	-	- -
116	Woods Hole Public Library,	-	-	W. O. Luscomb,
117	Fitchburg Public Library,	37,826	33,232,619	H. A. Willis,
118	Florida Free Public Library,	395	207,490	G. N. Thatcher,
119	Foxborough: Boyden Library,	3,863	2,582,600	G. M. Barron,
120	Framingham Town Library,[3]	12,948	14,374,990	Rev. L. R. Eastman,
	South Framingham Branch,	-	-	- -
121	Franklin Library,	5,641	4,433,500	A. W. Pierce,
122	Freetown: Guilford H. Hathaway Library.	1,471	994,640	G. B. Cudworth,
123	East Freetown Circulating Library,	-	-	R. A. Allen,
124	Gardner: Levi Heywood Memorial Library.[2]	14,659	10,014,080	J. D. Edgell,
125	Gay Head Public Library,	162	44,036	C. W. Ryan,
126	Georgetown: Peabody Library,	1,958	1,245,032	J. F. Jackson,
127	Gill Free Public Library,	942	494,961	F. D. Jones,
	Riverside Branch,	-	-	- -
128	Gloucester: Sawyer Free Library,	24,398	24,839,057	Allan Rogers,
129	Magnolia Library Association,	-	-	C. W. Jones,
130	Goshen Free Public Library,	279	208,529	H. S. Sutherland,
131	Gosnold Free Public Library,	152	724,540	J. W. Tilton,
132	Grafton Public Library,[1]	5,705	2,920,540	Rev. S. A. Harlow,
	Saundersville Branch,	-	-	- -
133	Granby Free Public Library,	761	570,760	R. G. Bell,
134	Granville Public Library,	781	590,621	Mrs. Orville Carpenter,
	Granville Center Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Granville Branch,	-	-	- -
135	Great Barrington Free Library,	5,926	6,342,110	A. C. Collins,
136	Housatonic: Ramsdell Public Library.	-	-	T. E. Ramsdell,
137	Greenfield Public Library,[4]	10,427	10,810,835	C. W. Merriam,
138	Greenwich Public Library,[4]	452	254,630	W. S. Douglas,
139	Groton Public Library,[4]	2,155	4,112,979	H. K. Richards,

[1] Three delivery stations. [2] Two delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Ethelyn B. Story,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	109
Ellen L. Johnson,	Oct. 1 to June 1, daily, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; June 1 to Oct. 1, Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.	110
Mildred R. Holt,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.; June 1 to Oct. 1, closes at 8 P.M.	111
Galen W. Hill,	Daily, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	112
George W. Rankin,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	113
Pamelia F. Robbins,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	114
Albert S. Bowerman,	– – –	115
Edna E. Wells,	June 15 to Sept. 15, Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sept. 15 to June 15, Sat., 7 to 8 P.M.	116
George E. Nutting,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; 1.30 to 5 P.M.	117
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Whitcomb,	Every day in the week.	118
Mary D. Torrey,	Mon., Tue., 6 to 9 P.M.; Thu., Fri., 1 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 9 P.M.	119
Emma L. Clark,	Daily, except Sun., 2.30 to 9.30 P.M.	120
Elinor C. Oaks,	– – –	
Mrs. Ella G. Campbell,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	121
Helen W. Winslow,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 7 A.M. to 7.45 P.M.	122
Elisabeth W. Lawrence,	Daily, 8.30 A.M. to 8 P.M.	123
Lillian J. Callahan,	Daily, except Sun. and holidays, 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	124
Manetta Vanderhoop,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.	125
Lois P. Noyes,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	126
Mrs. J. J. Wrisley,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	127
Frank D. Jones,	Tue., Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	
Rachel S. Webber,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	128
Mrs. C. C. Sargent,	Summer, daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; winter, Sat., 2.30 to 5 P.M.	129
John J. Nicholson,	Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 1 P.M.; July and Aug., Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.	130
Florence V. Tilton,	Tue. and Fri., 2 to 3 P.M.	131
Lucy W. Biscoe,	Daily, except Sun. and holidays, 2 to 6, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; opens at 1.30 P.M. when high school is in session.	132
Anna M. Hartness,	– – –	
Cora H. Kellogg,	Wed., 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Fri., 2 to 3.30 P.M.	133
Mable H. Root,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	134
Herbert E. Winchell,	– – –	
Joseph Welch,	– – –	
Emma W. Sheldon,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.; 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	135
Lydia A. Fuller,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	136
May Ashley,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	137
Helen I. Nevins,	Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	138
Emma F. Blood,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Mon., Sat., 9 A.M. to 12 M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	139

[3] Five delivery stations. [4] One delivery station.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
140	Groveland Public Library,	2,253	$1,216,595	Dr. L. A. Woodbury,
141	South Groveland: Hale Library,	-	-	A. D. Veasey,
142	Hadley: Goodwin Memorial Free Library.	1,999	1,743,841	O. W. Prouty,
	North Hadley Branch,	-	-	- -
143	Halifax: Holmes Public Library,	550	650,246	P. P. Thompson,
144	Hamilton Free Public Library,	1,749	4,686,430	F. C. Norton,
	South Hamilton Branch,	-	-	- -
145	Asbury Grove: Bates Memorial Library.	-	-	- -
146	Hampden Free Public Library,	645	424,575	Etta C. Beebe,
147	Hancock Public Library,	465	388,534	Mrs. W. K. Hadselle,
148	Hanover: John Curtis Free Library,[1]	2,326	1,595,220	M. A. Phillips,
149	Hanson Free Public Library,	1,854	1,378,290	Evie W. Drew,
	High Street Branch,	-	-	- -
	Maquan Branch,	-	-	- -
	New State Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Hanson Branch,	-	-	- -
150	Hardwick: Paige Memorial Library,	3,524	3,002,180	Wm. Robinson,
151	Gilbertville Public Library,	-	-	C. A. Ward,
152	Harvard Public Library,	1,034	1,701,334	W. H. Fairbank,
153	Harwich: Brooks Free Library,	2,115	1,487,644	A. L. Jones,
154	West Harwich: Chase Library,	-	-	J. P. Edwards,
155	Hatfield Public Library,[2]	1,986	1,636,230	Rev. I. A. Flint,
156	Haverhill Public Library,	44,115	36,506,470	E. H. Moulton, mayor,
	Ayer Village Branch,	-	-	- -
	Bradford Branch,	-	-	- -
	Rock Village Branch,	-	-	- -
	Washington Square Branch,	-	-	- -
157	Hawley Public Library,	424	197,968	I. C. Vincent,
	Boxrah Branch,	-	-	- -
	East Hawley Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Hawley Branch,	-	-	- -
158	Heath Free Public Library,	346	203,477	Frank Burrington,
159	Hingham Public Library,	4,965	7,790,925	J. O. Sanborn,
160	Hinsdale Public Library Association,	1,116	618,703	G. T. Plunkett,
161	Holbrook Public Library,	2,816	1,598,007	W. B. Emery,
162	Holden: Gale Free Library,	2,147	1,781,958	W. E. Austin,

[1] Five delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Helena M. Nickerson,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	140
Edward L. Sides,	Fri., 7 to 10 P.M.	141
George C. Marsh,	Wed., 7.15 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2.15 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	142
O. W. Prouty,	– – –	
James T. Thomas,	Daily, except Sun., 12 M. to 8 P.M.	143
Mrs. Grace C. Stone,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 7 to 9 P.M.	144
Horace E. Andrews,	– – –	
Miss Johnson,	Summers only.	145
Mrs. John Q. Adams,	Sat., 3.30 to 8.30 P.M.	146
Mrs. W. K. Hadselle,	Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	147
Bessie M. Sproul,	Wed. and Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 6 to 8 P.M.	148
Mary J. Drew,	Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 7 P.M.; Tue., 3 to 5 P.M.	149
Mrs. Emma Severance,	Any time.	
Lucy L. Bryant,	Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	
Mrs. Annie L. Shute,	Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	
Mrs. Abbie F. Phillips,	Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	
Nettie C. Bridges,	Tue., Thu., 2 to 4.30 P.M.; Sat. eve.	150
Andrew Bacher,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	151
Helen L. Barnard,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	152
Lulu B. Tobey,	Sat., 1.30 to 5.30 P.M.	153
Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson,	Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	154
Chester M. Barton,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	155
John G. Moulton,	Daily, except Sunday, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.	156
Edwin M. Haseltine,	– – –	
Annie F. Sawyer,	– – –	
Mrs. Edwin Wilton,	– – –	
Elma J. Hussey,	– – –	
Albert F. Sears,	Every other Wed., 2 to 3 P.M.	157
Mrs. A. W. Brown,	– – –	
Julia E. Harmon,	– – –	
Mrs. I. C. Vincent,	– – –	
Henry K. Smith,	Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	158
Albert L. Stephenson,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 7 to 8 P.M.	159
Mrs. Lovell,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 7 P.M.	160
Zenas A. French,	Daily, except Sun., 3.30 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	161
Mrs. Addie M. Holden,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 7 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	162

[1] Three delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
163	Holland Free Public Library,	145	$110,659	Wm. Horton,
164	Holliston Public Library,	2,711	1,968,587	F. S. Teele,
165	Holyoke Public Library,[1]	57,730	57,530,906	J. H. Newton,
166	Hopedale: Bancroft Memorial Library,	2,188	5,913,632	Anna M. Bancroft,
	South Hopedale Branch,	-	-	- -
167	Hopkinton Public Library,	2,452	1,756,502	L. L. Woolson,
168	Hubbardston Free Public Library,	1,073	768,695	H. W. Howe,
169	Hudson Public Library,	6,743	4,046,570	George E. Greeley,
170	Hull Public Library,	2,103	7,598,083	Mrs. Mary E. Cleverley,
171	Huntington Free Public Library,	1,473	662,780	Edward Pease,
	Knightsville Branch,	-	-	- -
	Norwich Hill Branch,	-	-	- -
172	Ipswich Free Public Library,	5,777	5,737,792	T. H. Lord,
173	Kingston: Frederic C. Adams Public Library.	2,445	1,650,460	F. R. Adams,
174	Lakeville Free Public Library,	1,141	1,065,200	Mrs. A. J. Pierce,
	North Lakeville Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Lakeville Branch,	-	-	- -
175	Lancaster Town Library,	2,464	5,351,421	J. E. Thayer,
176	Lanesborough Town Library,	947	619,073	E. M. Whiting,
177	Lawrence Free Public Library,[2]	85,892	75,449,814	Hon. M. A. Scanlon,
	South Lawrence Branch,	-	-	- -
178	Lee Library Association,	4,106	2,408,632	D. M. Wilcox,
179	Leicester Free Public Library,	3,237	2,431,015	Dr. F. H. Gifford,
	Cherry Valley Branch,	-	-	- -
	Greenville: Copeland Memorial Library.	-	-	- -
	Rochdale Branch,	-	-	- -
180	Lenox Library Association,	3,060	7,831,883	J. E. Parsons,
181	Lenoxdale Reading Room,	-	-	- -
182	Leominster Public Library,	17,580	13,182,680	Hamilton Mayo,
183	Leverett Free Public Library,	728	343,793	Mrs. F. N. Bourne,
	Hillsborough Branch,	-	-	- -
	Moore's Corner Branch,	-	-	- -
	North Leverett Branch,	-	-	- -
184	Lexington: Cary Memorial Library,	4,918	8,106,015	Rev. J. M. Wilson,
	East Lexington Branch,	-	-	- -
185	Leyden Free Public Library,	363	197,074	F. R. Foster,

[1] One delivery station.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Delia M. Blodgett,	Thu., 4 to 5 P.M.	163
Blanche E. Partridge,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	164
Frank G. Willcox,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	165
Harriet B. Sornborger,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5.30, 6.45 to 9 P.M.	166
Mrs. A. F. W. Smith,	- - -	
Caroline M. Wilbur,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	167
Lucy H. Grimes,	Wed., 6 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	168
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore,	Mon., Wed., Thu., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	169
Mrs. Isadore Vogel,	Fri., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.	170
Grace Tourtellette,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	171
Clarence E. Bates,	- - -	
Mrs. Walter Hendrick,	- - -	
Mrs. Mary B. Maine,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Tue., Fri., 10 A.M. to 12 M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	172
Mrs. Jennie F. McLauthlen,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 4 to 8 P.M.	173
Hannah K. Nelson,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	174
Mrs. Godfrey Robinson,	- - -	
Mrs. Alton Hoard,	- - -	
Virginia M. Keyes,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	175
Jeanette E. Waterman,	Thu., 3 to 8 P.M.	176
William A. Walsh,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	177
Margaret T. Sheeny,	- - -	
Mary Stallman,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Thu., 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9.30 P.M.	178
Annise B. Hane,	Daily, except Sun., 1.30 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	179
Hattie Crimmins,	- - -	
Rev. Henry Schwab,	- - -	
Mrs. Arthur Woodhead,	- - -	
Anna L. White,	Daily, except Sun., May 15 to Nov. 15, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Nov. 15 to May 15, 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.	180
Mrs. R. C. Cassaboam,	- - -	181
Florence E. Wheeler,	Daily, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., except Sun.	182
Mrs. M. H. Rowland,	Tue., 7 to 8 P.M.; Fri., 3 to 5.45 P.M.	183
Mrs. Sarah M. Bullock,	- - -	
Mrs. F. N. Bourne,	- - -	
Mrs. E. A. Bedurtha,	Wed., 6 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	
Marian P. Kirkland,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	184
Emma O. Nichols,	- - -	
Mrs. Helen Hooper,	Sat., 4 to 8 P.M.	185

[2] Three delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
186	Lincoln Public Library,[1]	1,175	$4,039,382	C. F. Adams,
187	Littleton: Reuben Hoar Library,	1,229	1,169,193	Rev. H. L. Packard,
188	Longmeadow: Richard Salter Storrs Library.	1,084	2,133,915	W. B. Medlicott,
189	Lowell: City Library,	106,294	84,694,648	J. E. O'Donnell,
190	Ludlow: Hubbard Memorial Library,	4,948	4,287,204	A. L. Bennett,
191	Lunenburg: Ritter Memorial Library,	1,393	1,336,328	John Wooldredge,
192	Lynn Public Library,	89,336	81,529,354	W. O. Faulkner,
193	Lynnfield Public Library,	911	1,199,311	G. O. Giddings,
	Broadway Branch,	-	-	- -
194	Malden Public Library,[2]	44,404	40,381,696	Dr. Godfrey Ryder,
195	Manchester Public Library,	2,673	16,054,239	R. C. Lincoln,
196	Mansfield Public Library,	5,183	4,180,446	W. L. Robinson,
197	Marblehead: Abbot Public Library,	7,338	10,198,916	W. D. T. Trefry,
198	Marion Library Association,	1,460	5,163,660	D. M. Dunstan,
199	Marlborough Public Library,[1]	14,909	10,696,549	E. L. Bigelow,
200	Marshfield: Ventress Free Library,[2]	1,738	2,661,386	A. T. Sprague,
201	Marshfield Hills: Clift Rodgers Free Library.	-	-	L. S. Richards,
202	Mashpee Free Public Library,	270	247,250	Harvey Sanford,
	South Mashpee Branch,	-	-	- -
203	Mattapoisett Free Public Library,	1,233	1,996,562	I. P. Atsett,
204	Maynard Public Library,	6,390	4,080,102	J. E. Hannon,
205	Medfield Public Library,	3,466	1,690,824	S. J. Spear,
206	Medford Public Library,[4]	23,150	26,934,750	Rev. H. C. DeLong,
	Samuel Crocker Lawrence Annex,	-	-	- -
207	Medway: West Medway Public Library.	2,696	1,716,265	C. M. Smith,
208	Dean Library Association,	-	-	C. P. Harding,
209	Melrose Public Library,	15,715	17,422,800	E. M. Munyan,
210	Mendon: Taft Public Library,[1]	880	688,590	E. F. Blood,
211	Merrimac Public Library,	2,202	6,690	T. H. Hoyt,
212	Methuen: Nevins Memorial Library,	11,448	7,986,595	Mrs. H. F. Nevins,
213	Middleborough Public Library,	8,214	4,849,792	W. H. Southworth,
214	Middlefield Public Library,	354	227,829	Kate W. Smith,
215	Middleton: Flint Public Library,	1,129	886,489	G. B. Howe,
216	Milford Town Library,	13,055	9,886,558	N. W. Heath,
217	Millbury Public Library,	4,740	2,983,532	A. L. Gauthier,
218	Millis Public Library,	1,399	1,347,735	H. N. Thorne,

[1] One delivery station. [2] Nine delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Lydia J. Chapin,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	186
Cora W. Davis,	Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 1.30 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	187
Mrs. H. B. Emens,	Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.	188
Frederick A. Chase,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	189
Edith H. Crowninshield,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Mon., 3 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	190
L. Frances Jones,	Mon., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	191
Harriet L. Matthews,	Daily, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., except Sun.	192
Elizabeth W. Green,	Wed., 2.30 to 5.30, 6 to 9 P.M.	193
Mrs. Cora Pike,	- - -	
Herbert W. Fison,	Daily, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M., except Sun.	194
Jennie C. Sargent,	May 1 to Nov. 1, daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Mon., 9 to 10.30 A.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Nov. 1 to May 1, 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	195
Ida F. Hodges,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	196
Mrs. Sarah E. Gregory,	Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	197
Alice A. Ryder,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 9 P.M.	198
Sarah E. Cotting,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 12 M., 1 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	199
Josephine A. Baker,	Tue., 9 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; Fri., 9 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 5 P.M.	200
Eva Lockhart,	Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	201
Clara N. Collins,	Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	202
Mrs. Adeline Mills,	- - -	
Clara F. Sherman,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.	203
Mrs. Sarah F. Nyman,	Wed., 2 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 9 P.M.	204
Lucretia M. Johnson,	Tue., Thu. and Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 4 P.M.	205
Abby L. Sargent,	Mon., Tue., Wed., 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Thu., Fri., Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	206
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Mrs. Anna Fales,	Wed. and Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 3.30 to 5.30 P.M.	207
Mrs. Bertha C. Hunt,	Wed., 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.; Sat., 3.30 to 4.30, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	208
Carrie M. Worthen,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	209
Mrs. Lena W. George,	Fri., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	210
Susanna I. Sayre,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	211
Harriet L. Crosby,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	212
Mary M. Eddy,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	213
Mrs. Gertrude Pease,	Sun., 12 M. to 1.15 P.M.; Wed. and Sat., in July and Aug., 3 to 5 P.M.	214
Lillian P. Fletcher,	Tue., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; July and Aug., Wed. and Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.	215
Nathaniel F. Blake,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.	216
Carolyn C. Waters,	Daily, except Sun. and Mon., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	217
Laura W. Smith,	Wed., 3 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	218

[3] Six delivery stations. [4] Twelve delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
219	Milton Public Library,	7,924	$27,359,789	N. T. Kidder,
	East Milton Branch,	-	-	- -
	Mattapan Branch,	-	-	- -
	Russell Reading Room,	-	-	- -
220	Monroe Free Public Library,	246	173,269	Mrs. Edith L. P. Ramage,
	Readsborough Branch,	-	-	- -
221	Monson Free Library,	4,758	1,919,430	G. E. Fuller,
222	Montague Town Library,	6,866	4,455,221	W. H. P. Gilmore,
223	Montague City: Library Hall,	-	-	- -
224	Turner's Falls: Carnegie Public Library.	-	-	W. H. P. Gilmore,
225	Monterey Free Library,	388	344,103	Mrs. Joseph Johnson,
226	Montgomery Free Public Library,	217	152,367	M. E. Camp,
227	Mount Washington Free Library,	110	111,810	H. F. Keith,
228	Nahant Public Library,	1,184	9,184,295	F. A. Wilson,
229	Nantucket Athenæum,	2,962	4,245,990	Wendell Macy,
230	Natick: Morse Institute Library,	9,866	8,697,675	H. C. Mulligan,
231	South Natick: Bacon Free Library,	-	-	Dr. C. E. Hills,
232	Needham Free Public Library,[1]	6,062	7,316,185	G. K. Clarke,
	Needham Heights Branch,	-	-	- -
233	New Ashford Free Public Library,	92	56,480	Josephine Jorden,
234	New Bedford Free Public Library,[2]	96,652	101,562,334	C. S. Ashley,
	North Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Branch,	-	-	- -
235	New Braintree Free Public Library,	464	403,445	G. K. Tufts,
236	New Marlborough Free Library,	1,124	800,860	- -
	Clayton Branch,	-	-	- -
	Hartsville Branch,	-	-	- -
	Mill River Branch,	-	-	- -
	Southfield Branch,	-	-	- -
237	Southfield: Seymour Library Association.	-	-	Mrs. Charles Arverson,
238	New Salem Free Public Library,	639	371,810	Eugene Bullard,
	Millington Branch,	-	-	- -
	North New Salem Branch,	-	-	- -
239	Newburyport Public Library,	14,949	12,835,482	R. E. Burke,
240	South End Reading Room Association.	-	-	G. H. Welch,

[1] One delivery station.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Gertrude E. Forrest,	Wed., Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; other week days, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Sun., Nov. to May, 2 to 6 P.M.	219
Josephine M. Babcock,	– – –	
Marjorie Talbot,	– – –	
Jane W. Kennedy,	– – –	
Mrs. James Ellis,	Daily at all hours.	220
Addie Gordon,	– – –	
Nellie F. Squier,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 5, 6 to 8.30 P.M.	221
Kate A. Armstrong,	Mon., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	222
Ella M. Haselton,	Thu., 3 to 6, 7 to 8 P.M.	223
Louise S. Partenhemer,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 3 to 6 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	224
Harvey B. Bogart,	Sat., 4 to 8 P.M.	225
Mrs. David L. Allyn,	Daily, except Sun., 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.	226
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May W. Perkins,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., 2 to 5 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.; Oct. 1 to June 1, daily, except Sun., 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	228
Clara Parker,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 9.30 P.M.; Oct. 1 to June 20, daily, Fri. and Sun. excepted, 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	229
Mira R. Partridge,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., except July and Aug., when closes at 8 P.M.; Sat., at 9 P.M.	230
Mrs. Adelaide Williams,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	231
Esther C. Johnson,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	232
Caroline Walton,	Mon., Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	
Mrs. William Baker,	Every morning and evening.	233
George H. Tripp,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; holidays, 1 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	234
William Brown,	– – –	
John Wilkinson,	– – –	
Mary E. Brown,	– – –	
Carrie F. Bush,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	235
Lura A. Doncaster,	One day each week, days differing in the several branches.	236
Mrs. Flora McIntyre,	– – –	
Julia Lawrence,	– – –	
Wesley R. Fields,	– – –	
Kate L. Baldwin,	– – –	
Kate L. Baldwin,	Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	237
Florence I. Cogswell,	Apr. to Nov., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; Nov. to Apr., Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	238
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Mrs. E. D. Andrews,	– – –	
John D. Parsons,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.	239
Mrs. Sara A. H. Little,	– – –	240

[2] Three delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
241	Newton Free Library,	39,806	$79,363,445	F. H. Howes,
	Auburndale Branch,	-	-	- -
	Newton Center Branch,	-	-	- -
	Newton Highlands Branch,	-	-	- -
	Newton Upper Falls Branch,	-	-	- -
	Thompsonville Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Newton Branch,	-	-	- -
242	Norfolk Public Library,	960	1,046,100	- -
243	North Adams Public Library,	22,019	16,083,088	Annie B. Jackson,
	Beaver Branch,	-	-	- -
	Blackinton: Oscar A. Archer Branch,	-	-	- -
	Braytonville Branch,	-	-	- -
	Houghtonville Branch,	-	-	- -
244	North Andover: Stevens Memorial Library.	5,529	5,529,521	Nathaniel Stevens,
245	North Attleborough: Richards Memorial Library.	9,562	9,163,844	Rev. G. E. Osgood,
246	North Brookfield: Free Public Library and Reading Room.	3,075	1,884,808	W. A. Smith,
247	North Reading: Flint Library,	1,059	885,254	E. A. Carpenter,
248	Northampton Public Library,	19,431	16,310,765	W. P. Strickland,
249	Florence: Lilly Library,	-	-	W. H. Riley,
250	Forbes Library,	-	-	Arthur Watson,
251	Northborough Free Library,	1,713	1,416,640	Rev. C. J. Kent,
252	Northbridge: Whitinsville Social Library.[1]	8,807	5,215,755	S. A. Melcher,
253	Northfield: Dickinson Memorial Library.	1,642	1,437,722	Dr. N. P. Wood,
254	Norton Public Library,	2,544	1,504,350	W. E. Payson,
255	Norwell: James Library,	1,410	1,115,951	J. C. Otis,
256	Norwood: Morrill Memorial Library,	8,014	14,644,020	Dr. L. H. Plimpton,
257	Oak Bluffs Public Library,	1,084	1,888,650	E. G. Eldridge,
258	Oakham: Fobes Memorial Library,	552	380,799	H. C. Fobes,
259	Orange Public Library,	5,282	4,132,360	E. M. Buell,
	North Orange Branch,	-	-	- -
260	Orleans: Snow Library,	1,077	1,913,327	D. L. Young,
261	Otis Free Public Library,	494	259,383	J. E. Merritt,
262	Oxford Free Public Library,	3,361	2,051,448	Rev. Albert Tyler,
	North Oxford Branch,	-	-	- -
263	Palmer: Young Men's Library Association.	8,610	4,835,190	C. L. Waid,
264	Paxton Free Public Library,	416	383,388	C. E. Hosmer,

[1] One delivery station.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Elizabeth P. Thurston,	Daily, except Sun., 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	241
Annie E. Bunker,	– – –	
Julia C. Henshaw,	– – –	
Mabel A. Singleton,	– – –	
Nasra Odeh,	– – –	
Elizabeth L. Horsfall,	– – –	
Katherine A. Hodgdon,	– – –	
Walter L. Sykes,	Fri., 6 to 8 P.M.; Wed., 3.15 to 4.15 P.M.	242
Mabel Temple,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.	243
Mrs. E. H. Walsh,	– – –	
James McHugo,	– – –	
Mrs. Ella I. Lillie,	– – –	
Janet M. Henderson,	– – –	
Elizabeth M. Pond,	Daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	244
Ada M. Perry,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	245
Nellie L. Smith,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	246
Addie W. Gowing,	Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	247
Sarah D. Kellogg,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	248
Matilda P. Schwarz,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	249
Joseph L. Harrison,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.	250
M. Evelyn Potter,	Mon., Wed., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	251
Mary W. Clarke,	Mon., 3 to 8 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 6.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	252
Mrs. Clarence A. Randall,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	253
Emily A. Titus,	Mon., 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	254
Marion G. Merritt,	Mon., Sat., 6 to 8 P.M.; Wed., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	255
Jane A. Hewett,	Daily, except Sun., 1 to 9 P.M.	256
Mrs. Mae C. Gorham,	July and Aug., daily, except Sun., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.; rest of year, Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	257
Frank E. Davis,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	258
N. Gertrude Hendrickson,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 8 P.M.	259
Mrs. Sarah E. Rich,	– – –	
Mary S. Cummings,	Wed., Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	260
Mrs. Gertie Cotton,	Summer, Wed., Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.; winter, Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	261
Mrs. Clara A. Fuller,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	262
Nellie M. Tolman,	– – –	
Clifton E. Hobson, librarian and superintendent of schools; May E. Robinson, assistant.	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	263
Rena Robinson,	Sat., 3.30 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	264

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
265	Peabody Institute Library,	15,721	$12,572,650	F. W. Bushby,
266	Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library,	-	-	F. W. Bushby,
267	Pelham Free Public Library,[1]	467	371,154	M. Louise Brewer,
268	Pembroke Free Library,	1,336	976,345	Miss M. A. Oldham,
269	Bryantville: Cobb Library,	-	-	Dr. O. W. Charles,
270	Pepperell: Lawrence Library,	2,593	2,268,618	Waldo Spaulding,
271	Peru Free Public Library,	237	145,435	F. B. Barden,
272	Petersham Memorial Library,	757	1,105,180	J. W. Brooks,
273	Phillipston: Phillips Free Public Library.	426	286,955	E. W. Smith,
274	Pittsfield: Berkshire Athenæum,	32,121	33,983,555	J. F. A. Adams,
275	Plainfield Public Library,	406	194,164	C. N. Dyer,
276	Plainville Public Library,	1,385	858,554	F. W. Northup,
277	Plymouth Public Library,	12,141	12,217,082	Wm. Hedge,
278	North Plymouth: Loring Reading Room.	-	-	- -
279	Plympton Free Public Library,	561	415,903	John Sherman,
280	Prescott Free Library,	320	204,456	W. F. Wendemuth,
	East Branch,	-	-	- -
	Grange Hall,	-	-	- -
	South Branch,	-	-	- -
281	Princeton Public Library,	818	1,420,516	M. C. Goodnow,
282	Provincetown Public Library,	4,369	2,288,517	M. N. Gifford,
283	Quincy: Thomas Crane Public Library.	32,642	35,401,020	C. R. Safford,
	West Quincy Reading Room,	-	-	- -
284	Randolph: Turner Free Library,	4,301	2,731,000	J. V. Beal,
285	Raynham Public Library,	1,725	886,123	W. S. Leach,
286	Reading Public Library,	5,818	6,546,867	H. G. Wadlin,
287	Rehoboth: Blanding Library,	2,001	964,489	E. L. Goff,
288	Revere Public Library,[2]	18,219	19,800,260	N. Hoisington,
289	Richmond Free Public Library,	650	623,743	W. M. Crane,
290	Rochester Free Public Library,	1,090	949,801	Miss M. L. Holmes,
	North Rochester Branch,	-	-	- -
291	Rockland Memorial Library,	6,928	4,827,630	Edwin Mulready,
292	Rockport Public Library,	4,211	3,782,480	Dr. A. M. Tupper,
293	Pigeon Cove Library,	-	-	Dr. A. M. Tupper,
294	Rowe Town Library,	456	211,624	Rev. Margaret S. Barnard,
295	Rowley Free Public Library,	1,368	2,422,011	Milton Ellsworth,

[1] One delivery station.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Lyman P. Osborn,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	265
Frances M. Carroll,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed., 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	266
Mary A. Keith,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	267
Ellen F. Cox,	Tue., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 8 P.M.	268
Mrs. Julia W. Morton,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	269
Helen M. Wiley,	Mon., Wed., Thu., Sat., 9 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 6.30 to 9 P.M.	270
Josephine J. D. Barden,	Sun., 12 M. to 2 P.M.	271
Fannie G. Prince,	June 1 to Oct. 1, Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8 P.M.	272
Mrs. Flora V. Danforth,	Sat., 1.30 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	273
Harlan H. Ballard,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	274
Martha E. Smith,	Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	275
James H. Shannon,	– – –	276
Nellie E. Thomas,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.	277
Maud B. Colcord,	Daily, except Sun., 12 M. to 9 P.M.; Sun. and holidays, 2 to 9 P.M.	278
Helen S. Robbins,	Sat., 2.30 to 8.30 P.M.	279
Mildred G. Field,	Sat., 1 to 4 P.M.; also on town meeting and State election days.	280
Mrs. L. Flora Brown,	– – –	
Howard Shaw,	– – –	
Helen Taylor,	– – –	
Susan A. Davis,	Sept. 15 to July 1, Tue., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.; July 1 to Sept. 15, Tue., 3 to 6 P.M.; Thu., 3 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	281
Abbie C. Putnam,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	282
Alice G. White,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.; in summer closes at 6 P.M.	283
Belinda E. Wainwright,	Daily, 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.; closes at 6.30 P.M. Fri.	
Charles C. Farnham,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 5.30 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	284
Lucy W. Thompson,	Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	285
Bertha L. Brown,	Mon., Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	286
Mrs. F. L. Thomas,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	287
Harriet T. Fenno,	Daily, except Sun., 1.30 to 9 P.M.	288
Mrs. Frank Barnes,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 8 P.M.	289
Mrs. Anne T. Wilbur,	Sat., 3 to 8 P.M.	290
Miss Bennett,	– – –	
Angela W. Collins,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M.	291
Mabel L. Woodfall,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	292
Martha D. Fretch,	Wed., Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	293
Mrs. L. T. Jones,	Oct. 15 to Apr. 15, library open at any time; Apr. 15 to Oct. 15, Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	294
James M. Perley,	Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.	295

[2] Four delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
296	Royalston: Phineas S. Newton Library.	793	$696,100	Rev. F. J. Fairbanks,
297	Russell Free Public Library,	965	998,105	Thos. H. Rogers,
	Russell Mountain Branch,	-	-	- -
	Woronoco Branch,	-	-	- -
298	Rutland Free Public Library,	1,743	781,464	W. C. Temple,
299	Salem Public Library,	43,697	36,641,100	R. D. Adams,
	South Branch,	-	-	- -
300	Salisbury Public Library,	1,658	1,339,970	P. H. Moulton,
301	Sandisfield Public Library,	566	381,515	H. S. Manley,
302	Sandwich: Weston Memorial Library,	1,688	1,184,575	Dr. E. S. Talbot,
	East Sandwich Branch,	-	-	- -
303	Saugus Free Public Library,	8,047	6,343,006	L. G. Hawkes,
304	Savoy Free Public Library,	503	183,890	Milam Bliss,
305	Scituate: Allen Memorial Library,	2,482	5,132,004	T. E. Cotton,
306	North Scituate: Pierce Memorial Library.	-	-	Silas Pierce,
307	Seekonk Public Library,	2,397	1,589,435	O. H. Carpenter,
	Luther's Corner Branch,	-	-	- -
308	Sharon Public Library,	2,310	3,218,118	J. J. Phillips,
309	Sheffield Free Town Library,	1,817	1,076,340	A. H. Tuttle,
310	Shelburne Public Library,	1,498	1,297,690	Mrs. A. A. Newhall,
311	Shelburne Falls: Arms Library,	-	-	M. Z. Woodward,
312	Sherborn Town Library,	1,428	1,611,330	Dr. G. E. Poor,
313	Shirley Public Library,[1]	2,139	1,254,941	W. H. Wilbur,
314	Shrewsbury Free Public Library,	1,946	2,401,257	H. A. Maynard,
315	Shutesbury: M. N. Spear Memorial Library.	267	270,480	M. A. Haskell,
316	Somerset Free Public Library,[2]	2,798	1,582,130	Mrs. Abbie L. Morrill,
317	Somerville Public Library,[1]	77,236	69,632,540	Dr. T. M. Durell,
	East Somerville Branch,	-	-	- -
	Union Square Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Somerville Branch,	-	-	- -
318	South Hadley: Gaylord Memorial Library.	4,884	3,157,050	M. J. Moriarty,
319	South Hadley Falls: South Hadley Free Public Library.	-	-	M. J. Moriarty,
320	Southampton Public Library,[2]	870	498,905	F. E. Judd,
321	Southborough: Fay Library,	1,745	2,056,563	Rev. A. M. Rockwood,
322	Southbridge Public Library,	12,592	7,103,033	J. A. Whittaker,
323	Southwick Public Library,	1,020	841,525	B. M. Hastings,
324	Spencer: Richard Sugden Public Library.	6,740	3,647,945	C. H. Allen,

[1] Three delivery stations. [2] One delivery station.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Mrs. E. M. Mackenzie,	Sat., 1 to 5.30, 7 to 8 P.M.	296
Mrs. Minnie G. Marcotte,	Wed., 3 to 4.30, 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	297
Mrs. C. J. Thompson,	- - -	
Gertrude Bush,	- - -	
Mrs. Martha L. Prouty,	Tue., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	298
Gardner M. Jones,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sun., 2 to 8 P.M.	299
Dorothy C. Nunn,	- - -	
Alice R. Currier,	- - -	300
Mrs. Mary L. Wohlgemuth,	Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.	301
Annie A. Rogers,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	302
Mrs. Abbie M. Holway,	- - -	
Emma E. Newhall,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 1.30 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	303
Three trustees,	Daily, when trustees are at home, 7 to 9 P.M.	304
Edith A. Manson,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	305
Mrs. Mary L. Lee,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	306
Alice E. Woodbury,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M. (Town Hall); Wed., 3 to 6 P.M. (Association Hall).	307
Mrs. Edna Paull,	- -	
Isadora N. Paine,	Tue., Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.	308
Mrs. Gertrude S. Gleason,	Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	309
Mercy A. Anderson,	Thu., Sat., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.	310
Charles P. Hall,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	311
M. Nellie Clark,	Wed., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	312
Grace M. Kilburn,	Wed., 3 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 7 P.M.	313
Mabel E. Knowlton,	Wed. and Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	314
Edith T. Haskell,	Sat., 2 to 4 P.M.	315
Frances M. Rogers,	Wed. and Sat., 3.30 to 8 P.M.	316
Drew B. Hall,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	317
Edith B. Hayes,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	
Mrs. Lucinda F. Spofford,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	
Lucy B. Crain,	Daily, except Sun., 1 to 9 P.M.; also Sat., 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.	
Rebecca F. Smith,	Tue., Fri., 3 to 8 P.M.	318
Lottie I. Judd,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	319
Eva M. Gridley,	Sat., 2.30 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	320
Francena E. Buck,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 6 to 8 P.M.	321
Ella E. Miersch,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	322
Wilder B. Harding,	Wed., 7 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8 P.M.	323
Alice W. Curtis,	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	324

[3] Five delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
325	Springfield: City Library Association,[1]	88,926	$149,530,350	N. D. Bill,
	Forest Park Branch,	-	-	- -
	Indian Orchard Branch,	-	-	- -
326	Sterling: Conant Free Public Library,	1,359	1,234,655	Dr. F. H. Devers,
327	Stockbridge Library Association,	1,933	4,534,440	R. R. Bowker,
	Glendale Branch,	-	-	- -
328	Stoneham Free Public Library,	7,090	5,260,880	B. J. Hinds,
329	Stoughton Public Library,	6,316	3,893,380	M. F. Powers,
330	Stow: Randall Memorial Library,	1,115	1,062,062	A. D. Gleason,
331	Sturbridge: Joshua Hyde Public Library.[2]	1,957	-	Mrs. E. C. Locke,
332	Sudbury, South: Goodnow Library,	1,120	1,360,695	F. F. Gerry,
333	Sunderland Public Library,	1,047	567,870	G. P. Smith,
334	Sutton Free Library,	3,078	1,545,119	Sarah M. Mills,
	Manchaug Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Sutton Branch,	-	-	- -
	West Sutton Branch,	-	-	- -
	Wilkinsonville Branch,	-	-	- -
335	Swampscott Public Library,	6,204	12,387,906	F. F. Stanley,
336	Swansea Free Public Library,	1,978	1,655,270	H. O. Wood,
337	Taunton Public Library,[3]	34,259	24,035,979	N. J. W. Fish,
338	Templeton: Boynton Public Library,	3,756	1,824,912	Dr. S. E. Greenwood,
	Baldwinville Branch,	-	-	- -
	East Templeton Branch,	-	-	- -
339	Tewksbury Public Library,	3,750	1,513,340	A. C. Blaisdell,
	North Branch,	-	-	- -
	Northwest Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Branch,	-	-	- -
	Wamesit Branch,	-	-	- -
340	Tisbury: Vineyard Haven Public Library.	1,196	1,689,088	S. C. Luce,
341	Tolland Free Public Library,	180	251,902	E. M. Moore,
342	Topsfield Town Library,	1,174	3,119,877	G. F. Dow,
343	Townsend Public Library,[2]	1,761	1,347,400	Oliver Proctor,
344	Truro: Cobb Memorial Library,	655	394,770	J. B. Dyer,
	North Truro Branch,	-	-	- -
	South Truro Branch,	-	-	- -
345	Tyngsborough: Littlefield Library,[2]	829	655,347	H. T. Bancroft,

[1] Thirty-four delivery stations. [2] One delivery station.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Hiller C. Wellman,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	325
Mrs. K. W. Barney,	[2] - -	
Nellie E. Dodge,	- - -	
Pearl L. Heywood,	Wed., Sat., 1 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	326
Caroline P. Wells,	Daily, except Sun., 11 A.M. to 6 P.M., 7 to 9 P.M.	327
Mrs. Bessie A. Warner,	- - -	
Julia L. Crocker,	Daily, except Sun. and holidays, 2 to 9 P.M.	328
M. Alice Burnham,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.; Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 7 to 9 P.M.	329
Mrs. Susan M. Lawrence,	Wed., 1 to 5.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	330
Susan L. Haynes,	Wed., 2 to 4 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 6 to 9 P.M.	331
Mrs. Alice E. Rice,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	332
Abbie T. Montague,	Mon., Fri., 4 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; also 12 M. to 1 P.M. when schools are open.	333
Sarah M. Mills,	Saturdays, and other days when calls are made for books.	334
Benjamin Townley,	- - -	
Mrs. Mary Littlefield,	- - -	
Arthur Merrill,	- - -	
Mrs. George Freeland,	- - -	
Sarah L. Honors,	Wed., 4 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	335
Rev. O. O. Wright,	Wed., 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.; Sat., 2.30 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	336
Joshua E. Crane,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	337
Grace E. Blodgett,	Wed., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; July 1 to Oct. 1, Mon., 2 to 5 P.M.	338
Ethel Thomas,	- - -	
Mrs. A. S. Hodge,	- - -	
Abbie M. Blaisdell,	Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	339
Rev. H. H. Bishop,	- - -	
Albert J. Trull,	- - -	
Mrs. M. E. Bridges,	- - -	
Mrs. S. J. Blaisdell,	- - -	
Mabel T. Tilton,	Mon., Wed., Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	340
Wilbert Munn,	Every day.	341
Annie P. Gleason,	Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 4.30, 7 to 9 P.M.	342
Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren,	Mon., 7 to 9 P.M.; Tue., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	343
Mrs. Laurena A. Ryder,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.	344
Mrs. Anna Small,	- - -	
Allison B. Cobb,	- - -	
Jennie J. Bancroft,	Wed., 12 M. to 1 P.M. during school term; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	345

[2] Two branch reading rooms.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
346	Tyringham Free Public Library,	382	$364,441	R. de P. Tytus,
347	Upton Town Library,	2,071	1,185,546	A. P. Williams,
348	Uxbridge Free Public Library,[1]	4,671	3,532,500	G. E. Trowbridge,
349	Wakefield: Beebe Town Library,	11,404	10,930,658	Richard Dutton,
	Greenwood Branch,	–	–	– –
350	Wales Public Library,	345	291,371	Mrs. L. H. Thompson,
351	Walpole Public Library,	4,892	6,434,562	W. F. Smith,
	East Walpole Branch,	–	–	– –
352	Waltham Public Library,	27,834	29,050,788	Nathan Warren,
353	Ware: Young Men's Library Association.	8,774	4,883,490	H. K. Hyde,
354	Wareham Free Library,[1]	4,102	5,530,274	Miss Dora M. King,
355	Warren Public Library,	4,188	2,101,986	Edward Fairbanks,
356	Warwick Free Library,	477	414,728	L. W. Green,
357	Washington Public Library,	277	303,657	George Hackebeil,
358	Watertown Free Public Library,[2]	12,875	16,055,265	G. E. Goodspeed,
359	Wayland Free Public Library,	6,206	3,177,080	Dr. A. I. Hadley,
	Cochituate Branch,	–	–	– –
360	Webster Free Public Library,[1]	11,509	8,705,890	L. E. Pattison,
361	Wellesley Free Library,	5,413	17,129,156	Dr. M. L. Perrin,
	Wellesley Hills Branch,	–	–	– –
362	Wellfleet Public Library,	1,022	1,018,655	E. S. Nye,
	South Wellfleet Branch,	–	–	– –
363	Wendell Free Library,	502	483,360	C. M. Ballou,
364	Wenham Public Library,[2]	1,010	2,627,900	Mrs. Bertha M. Perkins,
365	West Boylston Public Library,	1,270	946,489	C. E. Burbank,
366	West Bridgewater Public Library,	2,231	1,534,588	Rev. E. B. Maglathlin,
367	West Brookfield: Merriam Public Library.	1,327	939,477	C. W. Allen,
368	West Newbury Public Library,[1]	1,473	1,057,611	Parker Mason,
369	West Springfield Public Library,	9,224	8,289,638	W. S. Bagg,
370	West Stockbridge Public Library,	1,271	528,335	W. W. Bartlett,
371	West Tisbury Free Public Library,[1]	437	641,662	Mrs. G. W. Davis,
372	Westborough Public Library,	5,446	3,232,686	Dr. E. B. Harvey,
373	Westfield Athenæum,[2]	16,044	10,822,614	M. B. Whitney,
374	Westford: J. V. Fletcher Library,[2]	2,851	2,148,092	J. A. Cameron,
375	Westhampton: Reunion Town Library,	423	264,546	H. S. Ives,
376	Westminster: Forbush Memorial Library.	1,353	944,325	C. F. Giles,

[1] One delivery station. [2] Three delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Continued.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Lucy M. Beach,	Fri., 3 to 5 P.M. July, Aug., Sept., Tue., 3 to 5 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 7 to 9 P.M.	346
Mrs. Laura C. Sadler,	Sat., 4 to 5 P.M.; Wed., 7 to 9 P.M.	347
Beatrice Putnam,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.; closed legal holidays and two weeks in summer.	348
H. Gertrude Lee,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5, 7 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	349
Mrs. Isabelle F. Studley,	– – –	
Leon H. Thompson,	Wed., 4 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	350
Ida J. Phelps,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 9 P.M.	351
Alice M. Wheeler,	Tue., Fri., 4 to 6 P.M.	
Orlando C. Davis,	Daily, except Sun., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	352
Almeda B. Robbins,	Daily, except Sun., Tue., Thu., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	353
Alexina P. Burgess,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	354
Joseph G. Hastings,	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	355
Clara A. Jones,	Wed., 2 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.	356
Teachers, temporarily,	– – –	357
Solon F. Whitney,	Daily, except Sun. and holidays, 2 to 9 P.M.	358
Margaret E. Wheeler,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 9 P.M.	359
Mrs. Grace Locker,	In summer, Wed. and Sat. aft. and eve., Thu. eve.; in winter, Wed. and Sat. aft., every eve.	
Phoebe P. Kingsbury,	Daily, except Sun. and holidays, 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	360
Anna W. Barker,	Daily, except Sun. and holidays, 2 to 6 P.M.; Wed., Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.	361
Dorothy Hopkins,	Daily, 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; except holidays and Sun.	
Mrs. Kate E. Brown,	Wed., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	362
Mrs. Josiah Paine,	– – –	
Marion E. Whitney,	May to Oct., Sat., 1.30 to 5 P.M.; Oct. to May, Sat., 1 to 4.30 P.M.	363
Benjamin H. Conant,	Mon., 3 to 5, 7.30 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 6 P.M.	364
Annie M. Waite,	Tue., Wed., 12 M. to 1 P.M.; Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9 P.M.	365
Mrs. Hattie E. Cary,	Wed., 1 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 1 to 8 P.M.	366
Mary P. Foster,	Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.; Tue., Thu., 1 to 6.30 P.M.	367
Caroline Carr,	Tue., 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 2 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 4, 7 to 9 P.M.	368
Daniel G. White,	Mon., Fri., 4 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 12 M.	369
Mrs. Susan W. Blake,	Wed., Sat., 3 to 5 P.M.	370
Mrs. Johnson Whiting,	Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.	371
Flora B. Brigham,	Daily, 1 to 8.30 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.; during July and Aug., 1 to 6 P.M., except Wed.	372
George L. Lewis,	Daily, except Sun., 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., to 9 P.M.	373
Mary P. Bunce,	Tue., Thu., Sat., 1.30 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	374
George E. Knight,	Thu., 6 to 9 P.M.; Sun., 12 M. to 1 P.M.	375
Sadie F. Green,	Wed., 2 to 5, 6 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9 P.M.	376

[3] Two delivery stations.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES,

	Libraries.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Chairman of Trustees.
377	Weston Public Library,	2,106	$8,399,725	J. E. Gale,
378	Westport Free Public Library,	2,928	2,208,150	A. R. Wood,
379	Head of Westport: Westport Public Library.	-	-	E. J. Sisson,
380	Westport Point Library,	-	-	Mrs. C. C. Hall,
381	Westwood Public Library,	1,266	4,102,590	Rev. C. S. Locke,
	Islington Branch,	-	-	- -
382	Weymouth: Tufts Library,[1]	12,895	9,957,156	C. P. White,
383	South Weymouth: Fogg Library,	-	-	H. B. Reed,
384	Whately Public Library,	846	486,394	Joseph Billings,
	East Whately Branch,	-	-	- -
	Haydenville Branch,	-	-	- -
385	Whitman Public Library,	7,292	5,538,426	Deborah A. Partridge,
386	Wilbraham Free Public Library,[2]	2,332	1,178,166	H. W. Cutler,
387	Williamsburg: Meekins Memorial Library.	2,132	1,080,869	C. H. Ames,
388	Haydenville Public Library,	-	-	G. M. Page,
389	Williamstown Public Library,	3,078	4,280,873	D. J. Neyland,
390	South Williamstown Public Library,	-	-	D. J. Neyland,
391	Wilmington Public Library,	1,858	1,709,327	Dr. D. T. Bussell,
392	Winchendon Public Library,	5,678	4,209,430	Dr. J. G. Henry,
393	Winchester Public Library,	9,309	15,166,425	G. H. Eustis,
394	Windsor Free Public Library,	404	304,430	B. H. Hollis,
	East Windsor Branch,	-	-	- -
	Windsor Bush Branch,	-	-	- -
395	Winthrop Public Library,[2]	10,132	14,761,520	David Lloyd,
396	Woburn Public Library,[2]	15,308	11,650,266	Edw. F. Johnson,
397	North Woburn: Eunice Thompson Memorial Library.	-	-	Andrew R. Linscott,
398	Worcester: Free Public Library,[4]	145,986	153,058,968	W. J. Denholm,
399	Worthington Free Library,[2]	569	367,129	Mrs. J. R. Stevenson,
400	Wrentham: Fiske Public Library,[2]	1,743	1,401,196	J. F. Jencks,
401	Yarmouth Library Association,	1,420	2,472,984	F. C. Swift,
402	South Yarmouth: Free Social Library.	-	-	Mrs. M. A. Tupper,
403	West Yarmouth Library,	-	-	Mrs. Lena Baker,

[1] Seven delivery stations. [2] Two delivery stations.

LIBRARIANS, ETC., 1912–13 — *Concluded.*

Name of Librarian.	Days and Hours Open for Circulation.	
Maude M. Pennock, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9 P.M.; Tue., Thu. eve.	377
Mrs. Lysander Holland, . .	Oct. to Apr., Sat., 5 to 7 P.M.; Apr. to Oct., 6 to 8 P.M.	378
Edward W. Burt, M.D., . .	Thu., 4 to 5 P.M.	379
- -	Four hours a week.	380
Annie L. Richardson, . .	Wed., 3.30 to 6 P.M.; Sat., 6 to 9 P.M.	381
Alice E. Wentworth, . . .	- - -	
Abbie L. Loud, ...	Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 2 to 8 P.M.; Sat., 2 to 9 P.M.; Wed., 2 to 5 P.M., holidays excepted; July and Aug., closes at 6 P.M.	382
Ruth N. Tower, ...	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 6, 6.45 to 8 P.M.	383
Arlene I. Roote, ...	Sat., 3.30 to 6, 7 to 8.30 P.M.	384
Mrs. J. A. Wood, . . .	- - -	
Mrs. F. W. Bardwell, . . .	- - -	
Ellena S. Spilsted, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 2.30 to 9 P.M.	385
Mrs. Leila E. Atchinson, . .	Wed., 12 M. to 9 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	386
Myra A. Hill, ...	Tue., Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9 P.M.; Thu., 2 to 6 P.M.	387
Thomas H. Ives, . . .	Fri., 7 to 9.30 P.M.	388
Lucy F. Curtis, ...	Wed., Sat., 2 to 8 P.M.; Tue., Thu., Fri., 2 to 5 P.M.	389
Mrs. Lucy T. Sanford, . .	Tue., Fri., 3 to 5 P.M.	390
Anna T. Sheldon, . . .	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9 P.M.	391
Mrs. Sylvia M. Manser, . .	Wed., Sat., 2 to 5 P.M.; daily, except Sun., 7 to 9 P.M.	392
Cora A. Quimby, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 2 to 8.30 P.M.	393
Laura A. Miner, ...	No special hours.	394
Mr. Beals, ...	- - -	
Mrs. Hubbard, ...	- - -	
Alice A. Mundy, . . .	Daily, except Sun., 1.30 to 9 P.M.	395
George H. Evans, . . .	Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Tue., Thu., 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	396
Andrew R. Linscott, . . .	Tue., Wed., Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	397
Robert K. Shaw, . . .	Daily, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M., except Sun. and certain holidays; Sat., 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.	398
Arthur G. Capen, . . .	May to Oct., Sat., 4 to 6 P.M.; Oct. to May, 2 to 4 P.M.; second and fourth Tue. each month, 7 to 8 P.M.	399
Mary A. Smith, ...	Wed. and Sat., 2 to 5, 5.45 to 8 P.M.	400
Mrs. Lydia C. Matthews, . .	Daily, except Sun., 3 to 5 P.M.; Sat., 6.30 to 8.30 P.M.	401
Alice Crowell, ...	In winter, Wed., Sat., 3 to 4 P.M.; summer, 4 to 5 P.M.	402
Mrs. Maria Taylor, . . .	July and Aug., Mon., Thu., 3 to 4 P.M.; other months, Thu. only.	403

[3] One delivery station. [4] Nine delivery stations.

Appendix III

A ROLL OF HONOR

Givers of Free Public Library Buildings in Massachusetts

Acton,	Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
Amesbury,	Mary A. Barnard and others.
Amherst, North,	Mainly the gift of citizens.
Andover,	Gift of citizens.
Arlington,	Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her husband.
Ashburnham,	George F. Stevens.
Ashby,	Edwin Chapman of Boston.
Ashfield,[1]	Mrs. Eliza W. Field.
Ashland,	Andrew Carnegie.
Athol,	Andrew Carnegie.
Attleborough,	Gift of citizens.
Auburn,	Leander H. Merriam.
Ayer,	Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
Barnstable,	Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
Centerville,	Subscription.
Cotuit,	Subscription.
Marston's Mills,	Subscription.
Osterville,	W. L. Garrison and others.
West Barnstable,	Subscription.
Barre,	Henry Woods of Boston.
Becket,	Miss Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
Belchertown,	John Francis Clapp.
Belmont,	Henry O. Underwood.
Bernardston,	Hon. Henry W. Cushman and Hon. John Sanderson.
Billerica,	Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
Blandford,	Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
Bolton,	Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.

[1] Town hall.

Boston,	Brighton Branch. J. B. Houghton.
Bourne,	Miss Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
Boxford,	Subscription.
West Boxford,	G. E. Davis.
Boylston,	Miss Salome E. White of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White.
Braintree,	Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
Brewster,	Joseph Nickerson.
Bridgewater,	Town appropriation and subscription.
Brimfield,	James Danielson Lincoln, as a memorial of his mother and his wife.
Brockton,	Andrew Carnegie.
Brookfield,	William A. Banister of New York.
Buckland,	A. C. Hodges and others.
Cambridge,	Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
Canton,	Augustus Hemenway.
Carlisle,	Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
Charlemont,[1]	E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
Charlton,[1]	W. H. Dexter of Worcester.
Chatham,	Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
Chelmsford,	Amos F. Adams of Boston.
North Chelmsford,	Subscription.
Chelsea,	Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, 1885; destroyed in the great fire of April 12, 1908. Gift of Andrew Carnegie, 1908, for a new building.
Chicopee,	Mrs. Justin Spaulding and others.
Clinton,	Andrew Carnegie.
Cohasset,	Miss Harriet E. Pratt, as a memorial of Paul Pratt.
Nantasket,	Subscription and town appropriation.
Colrain,	Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
Concord,	William Munroe.
Conway,	Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
Cummington,	William Cullen Bryant.
Dalton,	Gift of the Crane family.
Danvers,	George Peabody.
Dartmouth, South,	John H. Southworth of Springfield.
Dedham,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
Deerfield,	Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
Dennis,	Jacob Sears.

[1] Town Hall.

Dighton,	Andrew Carnegie.
Douglas,	James M. Fairfield of Boston, as a memorial of his father and mother, Simon and Phœbe Churchill Fairfield.
Dunstable,[1]	Mrs. Sarah Roby.
Duxbury,	Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
East Bridgewater,	Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
Eastham,	Eastham Village Improvement Society.
Easthampton,	Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
Easton,	Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
Edgartown,	Andrew Carnegie.
Essex,	T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
Everett,	Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
East Everett,	William Shute.
Fairhaven,	Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter Millicent.
Falmouth, West,	Subscription.
Woods Hole,	Citizens and summer visitors.
Fitchburg,	Hon. Rodney Wallace.
Franklin,	Mrs. A. W. Pierce and Mrs. A. D. Thayer.
Freetown,	Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
Gardner,	Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Greenwood and Calvin Heywood.
Georgetown,	George Peabody.
Gloucester,	Samuel E. Sawyer.
Annisquam,	Village Hall Association.
Magnolia,	Subscription.
Goshen,	Memorial of John James.
Granby,[1]	Town appropriation and gifts.
Great Barrington,	Mrs. Mary F. Mason.
Housatonic,	Heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell.
Groton,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
Groveland,	Hale Library. Hon. E. J. M. Hale of Haverhill.

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Hadley,	John Dwight and others.
Hamilton:—	
Asbury Grove,	Subscription in memory of Rev. Lewis Benton Bates.
Hanover,	John Curtis of Boston, supplemented by gift of his daughter, Miss Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
Hardwick,	Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
Gilbertville,	Col. Edward H. Gilbert.
Harvard,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
Harwich,	H. C. Brooks.
West Harwich,	Caleb Chase.
Hatfield,	Samuel H. Dickinson.
Haverhill,	Hon. E. J. M. Hale and others.
Heath,	Ellsworth Sawyer and others.
Hingham,	Albert Fearing.
Hinsdale,	Gift of citizens.
Holbrook,[1]	E. N. Holbrook.
Holden,	Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
Holliston,	Andrew Carnegie.
Holyoke,	Gift of citizens.
Hopedale,	Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
Hopkinton,	Gift of natives and residents of the town.
Hubbardston,	Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
Hudson,	Andrew Carnegie.
Ipswich,	Capt. Augustine Heard.
Kingston,	Frederic C. Adams.
Lancaster,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
Lanesborough,	Mrs. Maria H. Newton.
Lawrence,	Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
Lee,	Andrew Carnegie.
Leicester,	Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
Lenox,	Mrs. Adeline A. Schermerhorn.
Lenoxdale,	Mrs. Joseph White.
Leominster,	Andrew Carnegie.
Lexington,	Miss Alice B. Cary.
Lincoln,	George Grosvenor Tarbell.
Littleton,	Children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.

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Longmeadow,	Mainly by bequest of Miss Sarah W. Storrs.
Ludlow,	Heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
Lunenburg,	Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
Lynn,	Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute and others.
Malden,	Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son.
Manchester,[1]	Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
Mansfield,	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
Marblehead,[2]	Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
Marion,	Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
Marlborough,	Andrew Carnegie.
Marshfield,	Seth J. Ventress.
Marshfield Hills,	Clift Rogers.
Mattapoisett,	George Purrington, Jr.
Medfield,[2]	G. W. Cheney.
Medford,	Thatcher Magoun.
Samuel Crocker Lawrence Annex,	Mrs. S. C. Lawrence.
Medway, Dean Library Association,	Subscription.
Melrose,	Andrew Carnegie.
Merrimac,[2]	W. P. Sargent.
Methuen,	Heirs of David Nevins.
Middleborough,	Thomas S. Pierce.
Middleton,	Hon. Charles L. Flint.
Millis,	Heirs of Lansing Millis.
Monson,	Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
Montague:—	
Montague City,	Subscription.
Turner's Falls,	Andrew Carnegie.
Monterey,	Monterey Improvement Society.
Nantucket,	Subscription.
Natick,	Miss Mary Ann Morse.
South Natick,	Oliver Bacon.
Needham (Heights),	Andrew Carnegie.
Newburyport,	Gift of citizens.
South Newburyport,	William H. Swasey and others.
Newton,	J. Wiley Edmunds and others.
North Adams,	Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton.
North Andover,	Hon. Moses T. Stevens.

[1] Memorial hall and quarters for G. A. R. post. [2] Town hall.

North Attleborough,	Children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards.
North Brookfield,	Mainly gift of Erasmus Haston.
North Reading,	Mrs. Charles F. Flint.
Northampton,	John Clark, supplemented by other gifts and by the city.
Florence,	Alfred T. Lilly.
Forbes Library,	Charles E. Forbes.
Northborough,	Cyrus Gale.
Northbridge,	Edward and A. T. Whitin.
Northfield,	Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
Norton,	Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
Norwell,	Gift of individuals and First Parish.
Norwood,	George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
Oakham,	Charles A. Fobes of Petersham, as a memorial of his father, P. Ames Fobes; and gift of Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester and of Mrs. Harriet Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y., in memory of Hiram Fobes and Hiram Nye Fobes.
Orange,	Mrs. Almira E. Wheeler.
Orleans,	Partly by subscription.
Oxford,	Charles Larned of Boston.
Peabody,	George Peabody.
Pembroke (Bryantville),	Mrs. Rozilla Cobb.
Pepperell,	Charles F. Lawrence of New York.
Petersham,	Mainly by subscription.
Pittsfield,	Hon. Thomas Allen and Phineas Allen.
Plymouth,	Daughters of William G. Russell.
Plympton,	Town Library Association and subscription.
Princeton,	Edward A. Goodnow, as a family memorial.
Provincetown,	Hon. Nathan Freeman.
Quincy,	Heirs of Thomas Crane.
Randolph,	Heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
Rehoboth,[1]	Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
Revere,	Andrew Carnegie.
Rochester,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford.
Rockland,	Andrew Carnegie.

[1] Library burned; memorial hall to be built.

Rowley,	D. E. Smith and town appropriation.
Royalston,	Phineas S. Newton.
Salem,	Heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
Sandwich,	Mr. and Mrs. William H. Weston of Plymouth.
Scituate,	George Otis Allen and Miss Cornelia Maria Allen, in memory of their parents.
North Scituate,	Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.
Shirley,	Built mainly by bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen.
Shrewsbury,	Jubal Howe.
Shutesbury,	Mirick N. Spear of Amherst.
Somerset,	Mrs. Sarah Hood.
Somerville,	Andrew Carnegie.
West Somerville Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
South Hadley,	William H. Gaylord.
South Hadley Falls,	Andrew Carnegie.
Southampton,	Winslow H. Edwards.
Southbridge,	Holmes Ammidown of New York.
Spencer,	Richard Sugden; bequest of George Bemis for annex (1910).
Springfield,	City Library Association, Andrew Carnegie, and others.
Forest Park Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
Indian Orchard Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
North End Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
Sterling,	Edward Conant of Worcester, as a memorial of his daughter, Elizabeth Anne.
Stockbridge,	Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
Stoneham,	Andrew Carnegie.
Stoughton,	Lucius Clapp of Randolph.
Stow,	Miss Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.
Sturbridge,	George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father Joshua Hyde.
Sudbury,	John Goodnow of Boston.
Sunderland,	John Long Graves.
Swansea,	Hon. F. S. Stevens.
Taunton,	Andrew Carnegie.
Tisbury,	Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur, as a memorial of her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux.

Truro,	Elisha Cobb.
Tyngsborough,	Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
Tyringham,	Mainly subscription.
Uxbridge,	Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene.
Wakefield,[1]	Cyrus Wakefield.
Walpole,	Andrew Carnegie.
Waltham,	Francis Buttrick.
Ware,	Hon. William Hyde and others.
Warren,	Nathan Richardson and others.
Watertown,	Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
Wayland,	Warren Gould Roby.
Wellesley,	Hollis H. Hunnewell.
Wellfleet,	Subscription.
West Boylston,	G. Calvin Rice.
West Brookfield,	Charles Merriam of Springfield.
West Tisbury,	Subscription.
Westborough,	Subscription.
Westfield,	Trustees of Westfield Academy.
Westford,	Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
Westminster,	Charles A. Forbush.
Westport,[2]	Subscription.
Westwood,	Howard Colburn.
Weymouth,	Quincy Tufts and his sister Miss Susan Tufts.
South Weymouth,	John S. Fogg.
Wilbraham,	Henry Cutler.
Williamsburg,	Stephen Meekins.
Haydenville,	Miss Anna Hayden.
Winchendon,	Charles L. Beals.
Winthrop,	Mrs. Eliza W. Frost, as a memorial of her husband, supplemented by town appropriation.
Woburn,	Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father.
North Woburn,	Jonathan Thompson.
Worcester:—	
Greendale Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
Quinsigamond Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
Southbridge St. Branch,	Andrew Carnegie.
Wrentham,	Heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
Yarmouth,	Nathan Matthews of Boston.

Total, 260.

[1] Town hall.

[2] Not the town library.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS.

Adams,	Built by taxation.
Boston,	Built by taxation.
Hyde Park,	Built by taxation.
Jamaica Plain,	Built by taxation.
West End Branch,	Remodelled church.
Boxborough,	Former town hall.
Brookline,	Built by taxation.
Burlington,	Former schoolhouse.
Dartmouth, North,	Built by taxation.
Dudley,	Built by taxation.
Fall River,	Built by taxation.
Falmouth,	Built by taxation.
Foxborough,	Built by taxation.
Framingham,	Built by taxation.
Gosnold,	Built by taxation.
Greenfield,	Built by taxation.
Halifax,	Built by taxation.
Holland,	Built by taxation.
Lowell,	Built by taxation.
Lynnfield,	Remodeled schoolhouse.
Mendon,	Built by taxation.
Milton,	Built by taxation.
Nahant,	Built by taxation.
New Bedford,	Built by taxation.
Raynham,	Built by taxation.
Sandisfield,	Built by taxation.
Shelburne,	Built by taxation.
Southborough,	Built by taxation.
Southwick,	Built by taxation.
Templeton,	Built by taxation.
Tewksbury,	Former schoolhouse.
West Bridgewater,	Former school building.
West Newbury,	Built by taxation.
Weston,	Built by taxation.
Westport Point,	Library cottage loaned.
Williamstown,	Rented by town.
Wilmington,	Remodeled schoolhouse.
Worcester,	Built by taxation.
Yarmouth, South,	Loaned by a friend.

Total, 39.

LIBRARIES IN BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Acushnet,	In town hall.
Agawam,	In town hall.
Amherst,	In town hall.
Bedford,	In town hall.
Berkley,	In town hall.
Berlin,	In town hall.
Beverly,	In city hall.
Beverly Farms Branch,	Remodeled engine house; also G. A. R. quarters.
Boston [1]	
Carver,	In town hall.
Cheshire,	In town hall.
Chester,	In town hall.
Chesterfield,	In town hall.
Chilmark,	In town hall.
Dover,	In town hall.
Dracut,	Same building as town offices.
East Longmeadow,	In town hall.
Egremont,	In town hall.
Enfield,	In town hall.
Erving,	In town building.
Gill,	In town hall.
Grafton,	In town hall.
Hamilton,	In town hall.
Hancock,	In town hall.
Hawley,	In town hall.
Huntington,	In town hall.
Lakeville,	In town hall.
Leverett,	In town hall.
Leyden,	In town hall.
Middlefield,	In town hall.
Milford,	In Memorial Hall; also G. A. R. quarters.
Millbury,	In town hall.
Montague,	In town hall.
Needham,	In town hall.
New Braintree,	In town hall.
New Salem,	In town hall.
Norfolk,	In high school building.
Palmer,	Built by the town; also G. A. R. quarters.
Paxton,	In town hall.
Pelham,	In town hall.

[1] Five branches in city buildings in part devoted to other municipal uses.

Peru,	In town hall.
Phillipston,	In town hall.
Prescott,	In town hall.
Rowe,	In town hall.
Rutland,	In town hall.
Saugus,	In town hall.
Seekonk,	In town hall.
Sheffield,	In town hall.
Shelburne Falls,	In town hall.
Sherborn,	In town hall.
Sutton,	In town hall.
Swampscott,	In town hall.
Topsfield,	In town hall.
Townsend,	In town hall.
Upton,	In town hall.
Warwick,	In town hall.
Wendell,	In town hall.
Wenham,	In town hall.
West Springfield,	In town hall.
West Stockbridge,	In town hall.
Westport,	In town hall.
Whately,	In town hall.
Whitman,	In town hall.
Winchester,	In town hall.

Total, 68.

NOTE. — There are libraries and branches in school buildings not included in this list.

FUNDS ACCUMULATING FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.

Acushnet,	Small fund.
Adams,	About $20,000 from Columbus N. Miller. (Estate not yet settled.)
Amherst,	Small fund.
Barnstable (Hyannis),	$370.
Berlin,	Fund.
Canton,	$774.23.
Chester,	Fund.
Chesterfield,	$700 from Miss Imogene Pyncheon; also $1,000 if not used by the Grange before 1915.
Concord,	$44,000.
Gloucester,	$47,000.
Grafton,	Small fund.
Hampden,	Small fund.
Hatfield,	$1,491.96.
Lakeville,	Fund.
Lanesborough,	Newton will in litigation; also $500.
Leyden,	Site offered by A. J. Shattuck.
Malden,	Reserve fund for additional reference room.
Otis,	Fund.
Peabody,	$60,000 from Peabody fund.
South Hadley,	Funds from endowments.
Spencer,	$15,000 for an annex.
Wareham,	Small fund.
Wendell,	Small fund.
Worthington,	Site owned by Library Corporation; and small fund.

Total, 24.

Appendix IV

ADVISORY VISITORS, 1912-13

Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz,	Yarmouthport.
Miss May Ashley,	Greenfield.
Mr. H. H. Ballard,	Pittsfield.
Mrs. Francis C. Barlow,	Lenox.
Miss Alice G. Chandler,	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. Cole,	Wenham.
Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr.,	Brookline-Manchester.
Mrs. W. Murray Crane,	Dalton.
Mrs. Zenas Crane,	Pittsfield-Dalton.
Mrs. Frederick Cunningham,	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss Julia Delano,	New Bedford.
Miss Nellie E. Dodge,	Springfield.
Miss Ida F. Farrar,	Springfield.
Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno,	Rowley-Boston.
Miss Anna B. Jackson,	North Adams.
Miss Caroline Jenks,	Bedford.
Miss Elizabeth Johnson,	Boston.
Miss Ada L. Joslin,	Oxford-Boston.
Miss Katharine P. Loring,	Prides Crossing.
Miss Lucy Lowell,	Boston.
Miss Madeline C. Mixter,	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss Mary Morison,	Boston.
Miss Mary L. Poland,	Springfield.
Miss Mary Rodman,	Concord.
Mr. William H. Sanderson,	Chester.
Mrs. Robert K. Shaw,	Worcester.
Miss Alice Shepard,	Springfield.
Miss Martha N. Soule,	Hyannis.
Miss Mary G. Stone,	Manchester.
Miss Mary Anna Tarbell,	Brimfield.
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore,	Hudson.
Dr. George E. Wire,	Worcester. — 32

GENERAL LIBRARY LEGISLATION

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

1798–1913

APPENDIX V

GENERAL LIBRARY LEGISLATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

In order to show the evolution of libraries in Massachusetts as it can be traced in the laws from time to time enacted, a collection of such general legislation as relates to the formation and management of social, law, school district and free public libraries has been arranged in chronological order.

1798

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE PROPRIETORS OF SOCIAL LIBRARIES TO MANAGE THE SAME.

[Laws of 1798, chapter 45; repealed by the Act of March 8, 1806.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That any seven or more persons capable of contracting, in any towns or districts in this Commonwealth, who have or shall become Proprietors in common of any Library, may form themselves into a Society or Body Politic for the express purposes of holding, increasing, preserving, and using such Library and to that end any five or more of them, may apply in writing by them signed, to any Justice of the Peace, within the county wherein the same town or district may be, stating the purposes of their meeting, and requesting him to issue his warrant for calling a meeting of the said proprietors, which Justice may grant his warrant to some one of them, directing him to call a meeting of the said proprietors, at the time and place, and for the purposes in such warrant expressed; which proprietors shall notify such meeting by posting up the substance of said warrant in some public place in the said town or district where the said Library shall be kept, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any seven or more of the proprietors of such Library, met in pursuance of such notice, shall have

power to choose a Moderator, Clerk, Librarian, Collector, Treasurer and other necessary officers and committees; which clerk shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial performance of his duties; and the said proprietors when so incorporated, shall have power to raise such monies by assessments on the several shares in such Library as they may judge necessary for preserving and increasing the same, and for the management [of] the affairs of the corporation; to make by-laws for the due regulation of its concerns, not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, and to annex and recover penalties for any breach of such by-laws, not exceeding three dollars for any one breach thereof.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the proprietors of any such Library, so incorporated, shall be called and known by the name of the Proprietors of the Social Library, in the town of ——, and by that name shall sue and be sued, prosecute and defend, plead and be impleaded in all actions and processes in law; and when there shall be more than one, such Library, in any town or district, the proprietors thereof shall be known and called by the name of "The Proprietors of the second, third, fourth, etc. (as the case may be) Social Library in the town of ——".

SECT 4. *And be it further enacted,* That when any such meeting shall be dissolved, the proprietors may again incorporate themselves and proceed in all respects as aforesaid; and in any meetings of such proprietors, there shall be allowed one vote for each share. And the proprietors of any such Library, shall have power to hold to them, their successors and assigns, real or personal estate, to the amount of five hundred dollars over and above the value of their books, and shall have power at any regular meeting, to fix the mode and manner of calling future meetings. [*Passed March 3, 1798.*

1806

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE PROPRIETORS OF SOCIAL LIBRARIES TO MANAGE THE SAME.

[Passed March 8, 1806; repealed by Revised Statutes, chapter 146.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That any seven or more persons, capable of contracting, in any town or district in this Commonwealth, who shall become proprietors in common of any library, may form themselves into a society or body politic, for the express purposes of holding, increasing, preserving and using such library; and to that end, any five or more of them, may by an application in writing, by them signed, to any Justice of the Peace, within the same county wherein the said town or district may be, stating the purposes of their meeting, and requesting him to issue his warrant for calling a meeting of the said proprietors; and the said Justice may

grant his warrant to one of them, directing him to call a meeting of the said proprietors, at the time and place, and for the purposes expressed in such warrant; and said meeting shall be called by posting up the purport of said warrant in some public place in the said town or district, where the said library shall be kept, seven days, at least, before the time of said meeting: And the proprietors being thus met and organized, they may then agree and determine upon a method of calling future meetings: And in all cases, votes shall be determined by counting and allowing one vote to each share: And the proprietors of any such library, shall have power to possess and hold, to them, their successors and assigns, real or personal estate, to any amount, not exceeding five thousand dollars, over and above the value of their books.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any seven or more of the proprietors of such library, met in pursuance of such notice, shall have power to choose a moderator, clerk, librarian, collector, treasurer, and such other officers as they may find necessary: And the clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties; and the treasurer shall give bond, with sufficient surety or sureties, faithfully to account for all monies he may receive by virtue of this act: And the said proprietors, when so incorporated and organized, shall have power to raise monies by assessments on the several shares in such library, as they may judge necessary for preserving and increasing the same; to make bye-laws for the due regulation of the concerns of the said corporation, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, and to annex and recover penalties for any breach of such bye-laws, not exceeding three dollars for any one breach thereof.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the proprietors of any such library, so incorporated, shall be called and known by the name of the proprietors of the Social Library in the town of ——, and by that name shall sue and be sued, prosecute and defend, plead and be impleaded, in all actions and processes in law; and when there shall be more than one such library in any town or district, the proprietors thereof shall be known and called by the name of the proprietors of the second, third, fourth, etc., (as the case may be), Social Library, in the town of ——.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That an act passed the third day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled, "an act to enable the proprietors of social libraries to manage the same," be, and hereby is repealed: *Provided,* nevertheless, that with regard to all suits and causes of suits, and all rights existing under, and by force of said act, it shall be considered as in full force.

1815

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW LIBRARIES.

[Laws of 1815, chapter 177.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That in every county within this Commonwealth, wherein there shall reside five or more attorneys at law regularly admitted and sworn to practice before the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, it shall be lawful for any five or more of them to make application in writing to any Justice of the Peace within and for said county, requesting him to issue his warrant for calling a meeting of the practitioners at law within the same county to meet at some certain time and place for the purpose of organizing the establishment of a Law Library; and such Justice shall thereupon issue a warrant under his hand and seal, directed to some practitioner at law residing within the shire town of said county, requiring him to notify the other members of the bar residing therein, either personally or by written notification posted up at some conspicuous place in the Court-House in said county, at least seven days before the time of meeting as mentioned in said warrant, which meeting shall be holden, at the next succeeding term of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in said county on some day subsequent to the second day from the commencement of its session; and the person to whom such warrant is directed shall serve the same in manner as aforesaid, and make return thereof under his hand to the Justice who issued the same, or to some other Justice of the Peace within and for said county, whose duty it shall be to preside at said meeting in the choice of a clerk, a treasurer and librarian, each of whom shall thereupon be sworn by the presiding officer, to the faithful discharge of their respective duties, and to hold their offices during the pleasure of the association; and the said members of the bar so notified and met, to the number of five or more, shall at their first meeting prescribe the mode of calling future meetings of said association, and establish such rules and regulations as may be found necessary from time to time, to carry the purposes of this act into effect, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth; and at all future meetings the oldest member of the bar residing within said county, who is present, shall preside.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the sum of twenty dollars, which by law is now paid into the county treasury, on the admission of all practitioners at the bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, shall hereafter be paid to the treasurer of every law library association in any county in this Commonwealth that shall be formed in pursuance of this act, which treasurer shall give his receipt therefor to the person paying the same, which sum so paid, as duty or excise as aforesaid, together with all bequests and donations made thereto, shall be applied, under

the direction of said association, to form a law library, for the use of said county, under such reasonable regulations as the said association may appoint. And the clerk of said association shall keep an exact record of all the proceedings thereof, and the said treasurer shall keep an exact account of all monies, donations, and bequests belonging to said association, which account he shall be holden annually to settle under oath with the association, in such manner as they shall prescribe; and the librarian, as well as the treasurer and clerk, shall be answerable in an action of the case for all malfeasance or misfeasance in their respective offices to the association aforesaid, by the name of "The Law Library Association," for the county within which it is formed: *Provided, however,* that the Law Library aforesaid shall be kept in a shire town within the county.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the act passed on the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, so far as it relates to the payment of twenty dollars into the county treasury by persons admitted to practice law before the Circuit Courts of Common Pleas, as it relates to the counties in this Commonwealth, in which law library associations are, or shall be formed, in pursuance of this act, and as to the receipt to be given by the county treasurer therefor, be, and the same is hereby repealed. [*Approved by the Governor, March 2, 1815.*

1823

AN ACT RESPECTING LAW LIBRARIES.

[Laws of 1823, chapter 51.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the excise paid by Attorneys, on their admission to the Supreme Judicial Court, shall hereafter be paid and appropriated in the same way and manner as the excise now paid by Attorneys on their admission to the Court of Common Pleas is paid and appropriated, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Approved by the Governor, Jan. 30, 1823.*

1825

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED, AN ACT TO ENABLE THE PROPRIETORS OF SOCIAL LIBRARIES TO MANAGE THE SAME.

[Laws of 1825, chapter 65; repealed by Revised Statutes, chapter 146.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That any seven settled and ordained Ministers of the Gospel, within this Commonwealth, who shall become proprietors in common of any Theological Library, may form themselves into a society or body politic,

by the name of the Theological Society in the town of ——, for the express purpose of holding, increasing, preserving and using such Library: and shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an Act passed the eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "an Act to enable the proprietors of Social Libraries to manage the same;" and to this end, any five of them may make application to any Justice of the Peace within the county in which the library is to be kept, stating the purposes of their meeting, and requesting him to call a meeting of said proprietors; and the said Justice may thereupon grant his warrant to any one of them, directing him to call such meeting accordingly. And said meeting shall be called by posting up the purport of said warrant in such public places in said county as said Justice shall order, and the proprietors, thus met and organized, may then agree upon the method of calling future meetings. [*Approved by Lieut.-Governor, Feb. 12, 1825.*

1829

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO ENABLE PROPRIETORS OF SOCIAL LIBRARIES TO MANAGE THE SAME."

[Laws of 1829, chapter 138.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That any twenty or more persons in any town or county within this Commonwealth, who shall, by writing, associate themselves for the purpose of mutual improvement and for raising the standard of common education, may become a body politic, by the name of the Lyceum of the town of ——, or the county of ——, (as the case may be), by observing and pursuing the provisions of the Act to which this is in addition, in regard to forming Proprietors of Libraries into bodies politic, and being so formed shall be entitled to all the powers and capabilities to which the Proprietors of said Libraries are entitled by that Act; and such Lyceum shall have the further power to possess and hold to them, their successors, and assigns, real and personal estate not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That this Act may be altered or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature. [*Approved by the Governor, March 4, 1829.*

1836

SOCIAL LIBRARIES.

[Revised Statutes, 1836, chapter 41.]

SECTION 1. Any seven or more proprietors of a library may form themselves into a corporation, under such corporate name as they shall adopt, for the purpose of preserving, enlarging, and using such library;

and for that purpose, any justice of the peace may, on the application of five or more of such proprietors, issue his warrant to one of them, directing him to call a meeting of the proprietors, at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in the warrant; and said meeting shall be called, by posting up the substance of the warrant in some public place, in the town where the said library is kept, seven days at least before the time of the meeting.

SECT. 2. Any seven or more of the proprietors of such library, met in pursuance of such notice, may choose a president, a clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, a librarian, collector, treasurer, and such other officers as they may find necessary; and they may also determine upon the mode of calling future meetings.

SECT. 3. When such proprietors shall be organized as a corporation, in the manner before provided, they shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and liabilities, of a corporation organized according to the provisions of the forty-fourth chapter, so far as the said provisions shall be applicable in such case, and not inconsistent with this chapter.

SECT. 4. The treasurer shall give bond, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the proprietors, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SECT. 5. The said proprietors may raise such money, by assessments on the several shares, as they shall judge necessary for the purposes of preserving, enlarging and using the library; and the shares may be transferred according to the provisions of the forty-fourth chapter.

SECT. 6. The said proprietors may hold real and personal estate, to any amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, in addition to the value of their books.

1837

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH LIBRARIES FOR THE USE OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

[Acts of 1837, chapter 147; repealed by Acts of 1849, chapter 81.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Each legally constituted school district in this Commonwealth, is hereby authorized to raise money for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a common school library and apparatus for the use of the children therein, under such rules and regulations as said district may adopt: *provided,* that no greater sum than thirty dollars the first year, or ten dollars in any subsequent year, shall be expended for the purpose aforesaid.

SECT. 2. Any sum of money, raised by virtue of this act at a meeting called for the purpose, shall be assessed, collected and paid over as other school district taxes are. [*Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1837.*

1842

AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1842, chapter 94.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The councillors and attorneys at law, duly admitted to practice in the courts of this Commonwealth, resident in the several counties thereof, except Suffolk, are hereby constituted corporations within their respective counties, for the purpose of holding and managing the law libraries belonging to said counties, by the name of the Law Library Association for the county in which it is formed, and may adopt by-laws for that purpose: *provided,* the same shall be approved by the justices of the court of common pleas; and the officers of such associations shall be a clerk, treasurer and librarian, whose duties shall be defined by the by-laws, which shall be adopted and approved as aforesaid.

SECT. 2. The clerks of the several courts shall, within sixty days after this law shall take effect, call and notify the first meeting of the corporations in their respective counties, by posting up notifications thereof in some conspicuous place in the court-house of such county, to be held during the term of the court of common pleas, which shall be held next after ten days from the time of posting up such notification, at which meetings said clerks shall preside until a clerk of such association shall be chosen: *provided,* that any inhabitant of the county shall have the right to use the books in said library, subject to such regulations as shall be prescribed by the associations, with the approval of the court of common pleas.

SECT. 3. This act may be altered, amended or repealed by any future legislature of this Commonwealth. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*

RESOLVE CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES.

[Resolves of 1842, chapter 74; amended by Resolves of 1844, chapter 63; repealed by Resolves of 1850, chapter 99.]

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars, to be taken from the school funds, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to every school district in the Commonwealth, to be expended in books for a school district library; and that the treasurer pay said sum for said purpose to the order of the mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town, for each and every school district within the same which shall have produced evidence of having raised and appropriated fifteen dollars or more for the same object. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*

1843

RESOLVES IN ADDITION TO A RESOLVE CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES.

[Resolves of 1843, chapter 6; amended by Resolves of 1844, chapter 63.]

Resolved, That the provisions of the Resolve of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-two, concerning school district libraries, be, and the same are hereby extended to every city and town in the Commonwealth, not heretofore divided into school districts, in such manner as to give as many times fifteen dollars to every such city or town as the number sixty is contained, exclusive of fractions, in the number of children between the ages of four and sixteen years in said city or town; *provided,* evidence be produced to the treasurer, in behalf of said city or town, of its having raised and appropriated, for the establishment of libraries, a sum equal to that which, by the provision of this Resolve, it is entitled to receive from the school fund.

Resolved, That the treasurer be instructed, under the advice and direction of the Governor and Council, to make sales, from time to time, of notes of hand, bank stock, and other securities belonging to the school fund, to such amount as shall enable him to comply with the provisions of the above Resolve, and with those of the Resolve of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-two, concerning school district libraries. [*Approved by the Governor, March 7, 1843.*

1844

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS."

[Acts of 1844, chapter 157.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The counsellors and attorneys-at-law, duly admitted to practice in the courts of this Commonwealth, resident in either of the counties, who have omitted to organize a Law Library Association in their respective counties, within the time, and pursuant to the provisions of the act to which this is in addition, are hereby authorized to organize themselves in their counties respectively, into an association by the name of the Law Library Association, for such county, under the like provisions, and with the same rights, powers and duties, as if the said association had been organized within the time prescribed by the act to which this is in addition, passed the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two: and said association, when so organized, shall be deemed and taken to be a corporation, and entitled to all the privileges and subject to all the provisions applicable to Law Library Associations, created under and pursuant to the act aforesaid: *provided, however,* this act shall have no effect upon any

association which shall not become organized within ninety days from the passing hereof.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1844.*

RESOLVE CONCERNING SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

[Resolves of 1844, chapter 63.]

Resolved, That the provisions of the resolve of March the third, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and the resolve of March the seventh, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, be, and the same are hereby extended to every school district of every town in the Commonwealth. [*Approved by the Governor, March 11, 1844.*

1845

RESOLVES IN ADDITION TO THE RESOLVES CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES.

[Resolves of 1845, chapter 113.]

Resolved, That the provisions of the resolve of March third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, be extended to the Latin School, English High School, and Grammar and Writing Schools of the city of Boston, in such manner as to give as many times fifteen dollars towards a purchase of a library, or libraries for said schools, as the number sixty is contained, exclusive of fractions, in the number of children belonging to said schools between the ages of seven and sixteen years, said number to be estimated by the mayor of said city: *provided,* the said mayor shall certify, to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, that an equal sum of money has been raised and appropriated, subsequent to the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, for the same purpose.

Resolved, That the provisions of the preceding resolve, and of the resolves to which it is in addition, be extended to the primary and intermediate schools of the city of Boston, in such manner as to give as many times fifteen dollars for the purchase of a library, or libraries, for said schools, as the number sixty is contained, exclusive of fractions, in the number of children belonging to said schools between the ages of four and seven years, said number to be estimated as in the preceding resolve is provided, when it shall be made to appear to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, by a certificate of the mayor of said city, that an equal sum has been raised and appropriated, subsequent to the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, for the same purpose.

Resolved, That the apportionment, or distribution of the books, purchased as above provided for, shall be determined by the school committee of the city of Boston.

Resolved, That these resolves shall take effect from and after their passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.*

1849

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND SCHOOL APPARATUS.

[Acts of 1849, chapter 81.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of any school district, in any city or town, and of any city or town not divided into school districts, in this Commonwealth, may, at any meeting called for that purpose, raise money for the purchase of libraries, and necessary school apparatus, in the same manner as school districts may now raise money for erecting and repairing school houses in their respective districts.

SECT. 2. The one hundred and forty-seventh chapter of the statutes passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, is hereby repealed. [*Approved by the Governor, April 5, 1849.*

1850

REPEAL OF STATE APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES.

[Resolves of 1850, chapter 99.]

Resolved, So much of the resolve of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-two, as appropriated to every school district in the Commonwealth fifteen dollars, "to be expended for books for a school district library," is hereby repealed. This resolve was to take effect Aug. 1, 1850. [*Approved by the Governor, May 2, 1850.*

1851

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1851, chapter 305; amended by Acts of 1859, chapter 25.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any city or town of this Commonwealth is hereby authorized to establish and maintain a public library within the same, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and to provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulations for the government of such library as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the city council of such city, or the inhabitants of such town.

SECT. 2. Any city or town may appropriate for the foundation and commencement of such library, as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding one dollar for each of its ratable polls, in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made; and may also appropriate, annually, for the maintenance and increase of such library, a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents for each of its ratable polls, in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made.

SECT. 3. Any city or town may receive, in its corporate capacity, and hold and manage, any devise, bequest or donation, for the establishment, increase, or maintenance of a public library within the same. [*Approved by the Governor, May 24, 1851.*

1856

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1856, chapter 71.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the several counties are hereby authorized to pay and disburse, from the treasuries of their respective counties, to the treasurers of the law library associations now existing, or that may hereafter be duly organized therein, such a sum or sums as they may deem necessary and proper, for maintaining and enlarging the public law libraries for the use of the courts and citizens of the several counties; such sum not to exceed the amount paid into the treasury of any county by the clerks of the courts.

SECT. 2. The treasurer of any such law library association, before receiving said moneys, shall give a bond, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of the same, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which all such applications are made. [*Approved by the Governor, March 28, 1856.*

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1856, chapter 184.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The counsellors and attorneys at law, duly admitted to practice in the courts of this Commonwealth, resident in either of the counties, who have omitted to organize a law library association in their respective counties, are hereby authorized to organize themselves in their counties respectively, into an association, by the name of the law library association for such county, under the like provisions, and with the same rights, powers and duties, as if the said association had been organized within the time prescribed by the ninety-fourth chapter of the statutes of the year eighteen hundred and forty-two; and said association, when so organized, shall be deemed and taken to be a corporation, and entitled to all the privileges, and subject to all the provisions applicable to law library associations, created under, and pursuant to the act aforesaid. [*Approved by the Governor, May 24, 1856.*

1858

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Resolves of 1858, chapter 1.]

Resolved, That the secretary of the Commonwealth be, and he is hereby authorized to furnish upon application, one copy of the acts and resolves passed by the general court, and also one copy of such

volumes of the special laws of the Commonwealth, as he may have in his possession, not otherwise appropriated or required for the use of the Commonwealth, to the Social Law Library located in the county of Suffolk; and also, to each law library association, which shall have been duly organized in conformity with the ninety-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, or the one hundred and eighty-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six. [*Approved February 23, 1858.*

1859

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1859, chapter 25.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The three hundred and fifth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, is so far amended as to allow any city or town to appropriate annually, for the maintenance and increase of a public library within the same, a sum not exceeding fifty cents for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved February 14, 1859.*

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE ACTS IN RELATION TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1859, chapter 172.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The several county treasurers shall, on the first day of January in every year, pay to the treasurers of the county law library associations now existing, or that may hereafter be duly organized in their respective counties, one-quarter part of all the sums which said treasurers may have respectively received from the clerks of the courts during the preceding year; provided such quarter part in any year does not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars: and if said quarter should exceed one thousand dollars, then said treasurers shall pay one thousand dollars; and all sums so paid to the treasurers of law library associations, shall be applied to maintain and enlarge the public law libraries for the use of the courts and citizens in the several counties.

SECT. 2. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent county commissioners from authorizing other payments from the county treasuries, under the seventy-first chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six. [*Approved April 5, 1859.*

1860

GENERAL STATUTES, 1860, CHAPTER 33.

Law Libraries.

[See 1871, 387.]

SECTION 1. Law library associations heretofore organized in any county except Suffolk shall remain corporations in the same manner as if organized under this chapter.

SECT. 2. The attorneys-at-law admitted to practice in the courts of the commonwealth and resident in a county for which there is no law library association, may organize themselves by the name of the Law Library Association for such county; and when so organized shall be a corporation for the purpose of holding and managing the law library belonging to the county, and may adopt by-laws for that purpose, subject to the approval of the justices of the superior court.

SECT. 3. The clerk of the courts in any county in which no association has been organized, upon the application of seven attorneys at law resident therein, may call a meeting for the purpose of such organization by posting up notifications thereof in some convenient place in any court-house of the county; which meeting shall be holden during the term of the superior court commencing next after ten days from the time of posting up such notification. The clerk shall preside at such meeting until a clerk of the association is chosen.

SECT. 4. The officers of such association shall be a clerk, treasurer, and librarian, whose duties shall be defined by the by-laws.

SECT. 5. Every inhabitant of a county in which such association is organized may use the books in the library, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the association with the approval of the superior court.

[Section 6, amended by Acts of 1863, chapter 215, and Acts of 1874, chapter 156.]

SECT. 6. County treasurers shall annually, on the first day of January, pay to the county law library associations in their respective counties one-quarter part, not exceeding one thousand dollars, of all sums which said treasurers have received from the clerks of the courts during the preceding year; and they may also pay such further sums, not exceeding the amount paid into the respective county treasuries by the clerks of the courts, as the county commissioners deem necessary and proper. All sums so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and citizens.

SECT. 7. The treasurer of a law library association, before receiving said money, shall give a bond with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners for the faithful application thereof, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which all such applications are made.

Town and City Libraries.

[See 1866, 222; 1871, 26.]

SECT. 8. Each town and city may establish and maintain a public library therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulations for its government as may from time to time be prescribed by the inhabitants of the town, or the city council.

[Section 9 repealed by Acts of 1866, chapter 222.]

SECT. 9. Any town or city may appropriate money for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library a sum not exceeding one dollar for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation is made; may also appropriate annually, for the maintenance and increase thereof, a sum not exceeding fifty cents for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation is made, and may receive, hold, and manage, any devise, bequest or donation, for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a public library within the same.

Social Libraries.

[Public library corporations. See 1872, 217.]

SECT. 10. Seven or more proprietors of a library may form themselves into a corporation, under such corporate name as they may adopt, for the purpose of preserving, enlarging, and using, such library; with the powers, privileges, duties, and liabilities, of corporations organized according to the provisions of chapter sixty-eight, so far as the same may be applicable, and may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars in addition to the value of their books.

SECT. 11. Upon application of five or more of such proprietors, a justice of the peace may issue his warrant to one of them, directing him to call a meeting of the proprietors, at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in the warrant. The meeting shall be called by posting up the substance of the warrant in some public place in the town where the library is kept, seven days at least before the time of the meeting; at which, if not less than seven of the proprietors meet, they may choose a president, a clerk who shall be sworn, a librarian, collector, treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary; and may determine upon the mode of calling future meetings.

SECT. 12. The treasurer shall give bond with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the proprietors, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SECT. 13. Such proprietors may, by assessments on the several shares, raise such money as they judge necessary for the purposes of preserving, enlarging, and using, the library.

1863

AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1863, chapter 215; repealed by Acts of 1874, chapter 156.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The sixth section of the thirty-third chapter of the General Statutes is so far amended, that the several county treasurers shall pay to the county law library associations the whole amount received from the clerks of the courts during the preceding year, provided the same does not exceed four hundred dollars. And, in case the same exceeds four hundred dollars, they shall pay over in addition thereto, one-quarter part of the surplus; *provided, however,* that the whole amount paid to said association in any county in any one year, shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall not be deemed to prevent the county commissioners from allowing any further payment as provided in the said sixth section of the said thirty-third chapter of the General Statutes.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 29, 1863.*

1866

AN ACT IN RELATION TO TOWN LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1866, chapter 222; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 140, section 40.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any town may, at a legal meeting, grant and vote money for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein, and for erecting or providing suitable buildings or rooms therefor; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation for the establishment, increase or maintenance of any such library.

SECT. 2. Section nine of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 9, 1866.*

1867

AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BOOKS AND OTHER PROPERTY BELONGING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1867, chapter 69; repealed by Acts of 1872, chapter 42.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Whoever wilfully and maliciously writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to any law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for every such offence. [*Approved March 16, 1867.*

RESOLVE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Resolves of 1867, chapter 36.]

Resolved, That after the current year it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish each public library, organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, on the application of the librarian thereof, with the annual reports described in the General Statutes as the "Public Series." [*Approved April 22, 1867.*

1869

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS.

[Acts of 1869, chapter 250; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 102, section 107.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Moneys received by the treasurer of any county under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and not expended in the payment of damages done by dogs, in accordance with the provisions of said act, shall be paid back to the treasurers of the several cities and towns of said county, in the month of January of each year, in proportion to the amount paid by said city or town to said county treasurer; and the money so refunded shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools, in addition to the amount annually appropriated by said city or town for those purposes. In the county of Suffolk, moneys received by any treasurer of any city or town under the provisions of said act, and not expended in accordance with the provisions of the same, shall be appropriated by the school committee of said city or town for the support of the public schools therein established.

SECT. 2. The last clause of section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 10, 1869.*

1870

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, FOR MAINTAINING STREET LAMPS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

[Acts of 1870, chapter 332; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 27, sections 37–40.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any town, at a legal meeting, having an article in the warrant for the purpose, may authorize a village or district in such town, containing not less than one thousand inhabitants, the limits of which shall be accurately defined, to organize under such name as may be authorized by such town, for the purpose of erecting and maintain-

ing street lamps, establishing and maintaining libraries, building and maintaining sidewalks, and employing and paying watchmen and police officers, or any of such purposes.

SECT. 2. The provisions of sections thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-nine, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, and forty-seven of chapter twenty-four of the General Statutes, and chapter two hundred and fifty-seven, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, shall, so far as applicable, apply to such districts.

SECT. 3. The officers of such districts, in addition to a clerk and prudential committee, may be a treasurer, and such other officers as the district may decide to elect; and all of such officers shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

SECT. 4. Such districts may adopt such by-laws as they may deem proper, to define the duties of their officers, and the manner of calling meetings of the districts.

SECT. 5. Such districts may sue and be sued in the name of the inhabitants of such districts. [*Approved June 10, 1870.*

1871

AN ACT IN RELATION TO DEPOSITING BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1871, chapter 26; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 40, section 11.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city government of the several cities, and the selectmen of the several towns in this Commonwealth, in which may now or hereafter be public libraries, owned and maintained by said cities and towns, are hereby authorized to place in the public libraries, for the use of the inhabitants, such books, reports and laws, as have been or may be received from the Commonwealth.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved February 17, 1871.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FURNISHING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE LAW LIBRARY SOCIETIES IN EACH COUNTY.

[Acts of 1871, chapter 387; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 40, section 8.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. In addition to the volumes now required by law to be furnished to the law library societies in each county, the sergeant-at-arms shall, immediately after their publication, distribute as far as is practicable to said societies one volume each of the following documents, viz.: legislative documents (senate and house), journal of the senate, journal of the house, and the manual of the general court.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 26, 1871.*

1872

AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BOOKS AND OTHER PROPERTY BELONGING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1872, chapter 42; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 203, section 79.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate, picture, engraving or statue, belonging to any law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months for every such offence.

SECT. 2. Chapter sixty-nine of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven is hereby repealed. [*Approved February 26, 1872.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF LIBRARY CORPORATIONS.

[Acts of 1872, chapter 217; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 40, sections 16–19.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Three or more persons within this state who shall have associated themselves together by an agreement in writing, such as is described in section seven of chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, with the intention to constitute a corporation under any name by them assumed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public library, with or without reading rooms connected therewith, shall become a corporation, upon complying with the provisions of sections eight, nine, ten and eleven of said act, and shall remain a corporation with all the powers, rights and privileges belonging to any corporations organized under the provisions of said act, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force applicable to such corporations.

SECT. 2. Any name may be assumed by such corporation not previously in use by any existing corporation or association, and shall contain therein the word library. Upon filing the certificate named in section eleven of said act with the endorsement of the commissioner of corporations thereon, and the payment of the fees named in section fifty-nine of said act, the secretary of the Commonwealth shall sign and issue to such corporation a certificate in the form prescribed and having the same force and effect named in said eleventh section of said act.

SECT. 3. Any existing library association under general law, may by complying with the provisions of section twelve of said act and payment of the fees aforesaid, obtain of the secretary of the Commonwealth the certificate therein prescribed.

SECT. 4. Corporations formed under the provisions of this act may hold real and personal estate necessary for the purposes of their organization, to the amount named in their agreements of association, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of books, papers, collections in natural history, and works of art; may receive and hold for the purposes aforesaid any grants, donations or bequests, under such conditions and rules as may be prescribed in such grants, donations and bequests: *provided,* the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of law. And so long as any corporation formed under this act shall allow the inhabitants of the city or town wherein the same is located free access to and use of its library, such city or town may annually appropriate and pay to the said corporation established therein money to aid in supporting its library.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 17, 1872.*

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF LIBRARY CORPORATIONS.

[Acts of 1872, chapter 326; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 40, section 20.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Nothing contained in the provisions of chapter two hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two shall be construed to require library corporations, formed under the same, to have a capital stock, when it is otherwise provided in the agreement of association.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 4, 1872.*

1873

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE TOWNS AND CITIES TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TOWARD DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF MAINTAINING LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1873, chapter 306; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 27, section 10.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Any city or town may appropriate and pay such sum annually as it may see fit toward defraying the expenses of maintaining any library within such city or town to which the inhabitants are allowed free access for the purpose of using the same on the premises. [*Approved May 23, 1873.*

1874

AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1874, chapter 156; repealed by Acts of 1881, chapter 89.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The sixth section of the thirty-third chapter of the General Statutes is so far amended that the several county treasurers shall pay to the county law library associations, the whole amount received

from the clerks of courts during the preceding year: *provided,* the same does not exceed one thousand dollars: and in case the same exceeds one thousand dollars, they shall pay in addition thereto one-quarter part of the surplus; *provided, however,* that the whole amount paid to said association in any county in any one year shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall not be deemed to prevent the county commissioners from allowing any further payment as provided in the said sixth section of the said thirty-third chapter of the General Statutes.

SECT. 3. Chapter two hundred and fifteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-three is repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 9, 1874.*

1880

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE TOWNS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC READING ROOMS.

[Acts of 1880, chapter 111.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any town which now maintains in whole or in part a public library therein, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, or which may hereafter do so, may, at a legal meeting, grant and vote money for the establishment and maintenance of a public reading room, in connection with said library, and for the use of the inhabitants of said town, to be under the control and management of the board of trustees of said library or of such other persons as have control and management of said library; and such town may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation for the establishment or maintenance of any such reading room.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 17, 1880.*

1881

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1881, chapter 89; incorporated in Public Statutes, chapter 40, section 6.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: — County treasurers shall annually pay to the county law library associations in their respective counties, all sums paid into the county treasuries by the clerks of the courts during the year, but not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars in any one year; and they may also pay such further sums from the county treasury as the county commissioners deem necessary and proper. All sums so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and citizens. This act shall apply to all sums paid into the county treasuries by the clerks of the courts from and after the first day of January eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

SECT. 2. Chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 16, 1881.*

1882

THE PUBLIC STATUTES, CHAPTER 40.

Law Libraries.

SECTION 1. Law library associations heretofore organized in any county except Suffolk shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter relating to such corporations.

SECT. 2. The attorneys at law admitted to practice in the courts of the commonwealth, and resident in a county for which there is no law library association, may organize themselves by the name of the Law Library Association for such county; and, when so organized, shall be a corporation for the purpose of holding and managing the law library belonging to the county, and may adopt by-laws for that purpose, subject to the approval of the justices of the superior court.

SECT. 3. The clerk of the courts in any county in which no such association has been organized may, upon the application of seven attorneys at law resident therein, call a meeting for the purpose of such organization by posting up notifications thereof in some convenient place in any court-house of the county; which meeting shall be held during the term of the superior court commencing next after ten days from the time of posting up such notification. The clerk shall preside at such meeting until a clerk of the association is chosen.

SECT. 4. The officers of such an association shall be a clerk, treasurer, and librarian, and their duties shall be defined by the by-laws.

SECT. 5. Every inhabitant of a county in which such association is organized may use the books in the library, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the association with the approval of the superior court.

[Section 6 amended by Acts of 1882, chapter 246.]

SECT. 6. County treasurers shall annually pay to the law library associations in their respective counties all sums paid into the county treasuries during the year by the clerks of the courts, to an amount not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars in any one year; and said treasurers may also pay such further sums as the county commissioners may deem necessary and proper. All sums so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and of citizens.

SECT. 7. The treasurer of a law library association, before receiving any money from the county treasurer, shall give a bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of such money, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which such application has been made.

SECT. 8. Each law library association shall be entitled to receive

from the sergeant-at-arms one copy of each of the following volumes immediately after their publication: namely, legislative documents, (senate and house), journal of the senate, and journal of the house.

Town and City Libraries.

SECT. 9. Any town or city may establish and maintain a public library therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and may provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulations for its government as may from time to time be prescribed by the inhabitants of the town or by the city council.

SECT. 10. Any town may at a legal meeting grant and vote money for the establishment, maintenance, or increase of a public library therein, and for erecting or providing suitable buildings or rooms therefor; and may receive, hold, and manage any devise, bequest, or donation for the establishment, increase, or maintenance of any such library.

SECT. 11. The city government of a city or the selectmen of a town, in which there is a public library owned and maintained by such city or town, may place in such library, for the use of the inhabitants, such books, reports, and laws as have been or may be received from the commonwealth.

Social Library Corporations.

SECT. 12. Seven or more proprietors of a library may form themselves into a corporation, under such corporate name as they may adopt, for the purpose of preserving, enlarging, and using such library, and with the powers, privileges, duties, and liabilities of corporations organized according to the provisions of chapter one hundred and five, so far as the same may be applicable, and such corporation may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars in addition to the value of its books.

SECT. 13. Upon application of five or more of such proprietors, a justice of the peace may issue his warrant to one of them, directing him to call a meeting of the proprietors at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in the warrant. The meeting shall be called by posting up the substance of the warrant in some public place in the town where the library is kept, seven days at least before the time of the meeting; at which time, if not less than seven of the proprietors meet, they may choose a president, a clerk, who shall be sworn, a librarian, a collector, a treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary; and may determine upon the mode of calling future meetings.

SECT. 14. The treasurer shall give bond with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the proprietors, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SECT. 15. Such proprietors may, by assessments on the several shares, raise such money as they judge necessary for the purposes of preserving, enlarging, and using the library.

Public Library Corporations.

SECT. 16. Three or more persons within this commonwealth who associate themselves together by an agreement in writing, such as is described in section sixteen of chapter one hundred and six, with the intention of forming a corporation, under any name by them assumed, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public library with or without reading-rooms connected therewith, shall become a corporation upon complying with the provisions of section seventeen, eighteen, twenty, and twenty-one of said chapter, and shall remain a corporation with all the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, applicable to such corporations.

SECT. 17. Any name may be assumed by such corporation which is not in use by an existing corporation or association, and which contains the word "library." Upon filing the certificate named in section twenty-one of chapter one hundred and six with the indorsement of the commissioner of corporations thereon, and the payment of the fees named in section eighty-four of said chapter, the secretary of the commonwealth shall sign and issue to such corporation a certificate in the form prescribed and having the force and effect named in said section twenty-one of said chapter.

SECT. 18. Any existing library association organized under general laws may, by complying with the provisions of section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and six and payment of the fees aforesaid, obtain of the secretary of the commonwealth the certificate therein prescribed.

SECT. 19. A corporation formed under section sixteen may hold real and personal estate necessary for the purposes of its organization, to the amount named in its agreement of association, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of books, papers, collections in natural history, and works of art; and may receive and hold for the purposes aforesaid any grants, donations, or bequests under such lawful conditions and rules as may be prescribed therein.

SECT. 20. Nothing contained in the four preceding sections shall be construed to require a corporation formed in accordance with the provisions thereof to have a capital stock, when a different provision is made in the agreement of association.

Appropriation of Money for Libraries.

Section 10 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes provides that the towns may at legal meetings grant and vote such sums as they judge necessary for maintaining any library therein to which the inhabitants are allowed free access for the purpose of using the books on the premises, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room, in connection with and under the control of the manager of such library.

The Dog Tax.

Section 107 of chapter 102 of the Public Statutes provides that the money received for dog licenses and refunded to the towns shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools.

Defacing Books, Papers, etc.

Section 79 of chapter 253 of the Public Statutes provides that whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months.

Library Corporations.

Seven or more persons may form a corporation for the establishment and maintenance of places for reading rooms, libraries or social meetings, under the provisions of the general law for the incorporation of associations for charitable, educational and other purposes, contained in chapter 115 of the Public Statutes.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1882, chapter 246.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter forty of the Public Statutes providing for annual payments to the law library associations of the several counties, is amended by striking out in the fourth line thereof the words, "fifteen hundred dollars," and inserting in place thereof the words, "two thousand dollars." This act shall apply to all sums paid into the county treasuries by the clerks of the courts on and after the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 19, 1882.*

1883

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE WILFUL DETENTION OF BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, PAMPHLETS OR MANUSCRIPTS OF CERTAIN LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1883, chapter 77.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause detains any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript belonging to a law, town, city or other public or incorporated library, for thirty days after notice in writing, from the librarian of such library, given after the expiration of the time which by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one

nor more than twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months.

SECT. 2. The notice required by the foregoing section shall bear upon its face a copy of this act.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 24, 1883.*

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF PROPERTY OF CERTAIN LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1883, chapter 81.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section seventy-nine of chapter two hundred and three of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: — Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript, or statue belonging to a law, town, city or other public or incorporated library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 24, 1883.*

1885

AN ACT TO PROTECT PERSONS USING PUBLIC LIBRARIES FROM DISTURBANCE.

[Acts of 1885, chapter 225.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library or reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner, during the time in which such library or reading room is open to the public, shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding thirty days, or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars. [*Approved May 12, 1885.*

1888

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OR OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS IN TOWNS.

[Acts of 1888, chapter 304.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Every town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading-room that is owned by the town, shall at its annual meeting, or at a legal town meeting appointed and notified for that purpose by the selectmen, elect a board of trustees, except in cases where such library has been or may be acquired by the town, in whole or in part, by some donation or bequest containing other conditions or provisions for the elections of its trustees or for its care and management, which conditions have been accepted and agreed to by vote of the town.

[Section 2 amended by Acts of 1889, chapter 112.]

SECT. 2. Said board of trustees shall consist of any number of persons divisible by three not exceeding nine in all which the town may decide to elect, one-third thereof to be elected annually and to continue in office for three years, except that the town shall first elect one-third of the trustees for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third the number annually for the term of three years. No person shall be ineligible to serve upon said board of trustees by reason of sex. Such board of trustees shall be elected by ballot, and shall organize annually by the choice of a chairman and secretary from their own number.

SECT. 3. If any person elected a member of the board of trustees, after being duly notified of his election in the manner in which town officers are required to be notified, refuses or neglects to accept said office, or if any member declines further service, or from change of residence or otherwise, becomes unable to attend to the duties of the board, the remaining members shall in writing give notice of the fact to the selectmen of the town, and the two boards may thereupon, after giving public notice of at least one week, proceed to fill such vacancy until the next annual town meeting; and a majority of the ballots of persons entitled to vote shall be necessary to an election.

SECT. 4. The trustees so elected by the town shall have the entire custody and management of the library and reading-room and all property owned by the town relating thereto; and all money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance, and all money or property that the town may receive by donation from any source, or by bequest, in behalf of said free public library and reading-room, shall be placed in the care and custody of the board of trustees, to be expended or retained by them for and in behalf of the town for the support and maintenance of its free public library and reading-room, in accordance with the conditions of each or any donation or bequest accepted by the town.

SECT. 5. In every town which shall, by a majority of the votes cast at its annual town meeting or at a legal town meeting appointed and notified for that purpose by the selectmen, so direct, the board of trustees shall, in addition to the officers named in section two of this act, elect from among their own number a treasurer, who shall give a bond to the town similar to the bond given by the town treasurer, for such an amount and with such sureties as may be satisfactory to the selectmen; and until a town directs otherwise the town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees.

SECT. 6. The trustees shall make an explicit report to the town at each annual town meeting of all their receipts and expenditures, and of all the property of the town in their care and custody, including a statement of any unexpended balance of money they may have, and of

any bequests or donations they may have received and are holding in behalf of the town, with such recommendations in reference to the same as they may deem necessary for the town to consider.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with library associations, nor with any library that is or may be organized and managed under special act of the legislature.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 4, 1888.*

1889

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS IN TOWNS.

[Acts of 1889, chapter 112.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section two of chapter three hundred and four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight is hereby amended by striking out in lines two and three the words "not exceeding nine in all," so as to read as follows: *Section 2.* Said board of trustees shall consist of any number of persons divisible by three which the town may decide to elect, one-third thereof to be elected annually and to continue in office for three years, except that the town shall first elect one-third of the trustees for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third the number annually for the term of three years. No person shall be ineligible to serve upon said board of trustees by reason of sex. Such board of trustees shall be elected by ballot, and shall organize annually by the choice of a chairman and secretary from their own number: *provided,* any town having a free public library which has heretofore elected a board of trustees to manage the same consisting of a number divisible by three, and has heretofore elected annually one-third of said board for three years, may continue to elect annually one-third of said board, and the trustees in office shall hold their offices until the term for which they were elected shall expire, unless the town shall vote otherwise. [*Approved March 14, 1889.*

1890

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EFFICIENCY OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1890, chapter 347.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint five persons, residents of the Commonwealth, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on

said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council.

SECT. 2. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings to the general court in January of each year, and fifteen hundred copies of said report shall be printed as one of the public document series.

SECT. 3. Said board is hereby authorized and directed to expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this act; such books to be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books to be provided as aforesaid.

SECT. 4. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has accepted the provisions hereof at a regularly called town meeting, and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in chapter three hundred and four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and until said trustees shall have provided, in a manner satisfactory to the board of commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.

SECT. 5. Any town accepting the provisions of this act shall annually appropriate from the dog tax, or shall otherwise annually provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, a sum not less than fifty dollars if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars if said valuation was less than one million and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars if said valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SECT. 6. No member of the board of commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually for clerical assistance and incidental and necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties; and all sums expended under the provisions of this act shall be paid from the treasury after the bills therefor have been approved by the board and sent to the auditor of the Commonwealth, who shall certify to the governor and council the amount due as in case of all other bills and accounts approved by him under the provisions of law.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 28, 1890.*

1892

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF BOOKS TO THE FREE LIBRARIES OF CERTAIN TOWNS WHOSE VALUATION DOES NOT EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

[Acts of 1892, chapter 255.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of library commissioners may expend the sum of one hundred dollars for books for the free public library of any town whose valuation does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, which maintained a free library before the passage of chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and which has fully complied or hereafter fully complies with the provisions of said act.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS FURNISHED TO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1892, chapter 422.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The expense of transportation of the state publications which are supplied to the free public libraries of the Commonwealth by the secretary of the Commonwealth shall be prepaid.

SECT. 2. There shall be allowed and paid from the treasury annually, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to defray the expense of carrying out the provisions of the preceding section. [*Approved June 16, 1892.*

1897

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

[Acts of 1897, chapter 134.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners created by chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety shall hereafter be designated, The Board of Free Public Library Commissioners.

SECT. 2. Two thousand copies of the report of said board shall be annually printed as one of the public document series. [*Approved March 6, 1897.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

[Acts of 1897, chapter 505.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven shall not apply to so much of the fees from clerks of courts and to naturalization fees

as heretofore were payable to law library and bar associations, nor to any other sums of money specifically provided by law to be paid for the use of said associations.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved June 10, 1897.*

1898

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

[Resolves of 1898, chapter 24.]

Resolved, That the board of free public library commissioners is hereby authorized to include in its report to be made in January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, a sketch of the free public libraries of the state, with illustrations of such library buildings as said commission may deem expedient; and two thousand extra copies of the report shall be printed for distribution under the direction of the commissioners. [*Approved March 15, 1898.*

1900

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE BOOKS FOR THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF CERTAIN TOWNS.

[Acts of 1900, chapter 233.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of free public library commissioners may expend, in such amounts and at such times as they deem expedient, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, for the purchase of books for every free public library owned and controlled by a town the valuation of which does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars: *provided,* that the town shall have complied with all laws relative to the maintenance of such library, and that the trustees of the library shall provide, to the satisfaction of the board, for the distribution of books in different parts of the town where such distribution is necessary, by means of branch libraries or deliveries, and for practical and effective means of rendering the library useful to the teachers and scholars of the public schools in such town. [*Approved April 13, 1900.*

1902

REVISED LAWS, 1902, CHAPTER 38.

General Provision.

SECTION 1. Library corporations and associations which have been legally established shall continue to have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and restrictions attaching thereto.

Law Libraries.

SECT. 2. Attorneys at law who have been admitted to practise in the courts of the commonwealth and who are resident in a county for which there is no law library association may organize as a corporation, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-five, by the name of the Law Library Association for such county, and may adopt by-laws which shall be subject to the approval of the superior court.

SECT. 3. The inhabitants of the county shall have access to the library and may use the books therein, subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

SECT. 4. County treasurers shall annually pay to the law library associations in their respective counties all sums which are paid into the county treasuries during the year by the clerks of the courts, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars in any one year. They may also pay to said associations such further sums as the county commissioners may consider are necessary and proper. All sums which are so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and citizens. The treasurer of the law library association, before receiving any money from the county treasurer, shall give bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of such money, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which it has been expended.

SECT. 5. Each law library association shall be entitled to receive from the sergeant-at-arms, immediately after their publication, one copy of the legislative documents of the senate and house, the journal of the senate and the journal of the house.

City and Town Libraries.

SECT. 6. A city or town may establish and maintain public libraries for the use of its inhabitants, under regulations prescribed by the city council or by the town, and may receive, hold and manage any gift, bequest or devise for such library. The city council of a city or the selectmen of a town may place in such library the books, reports and laws which may be received from the commonwealth.

Trustees of Town Libraries.

SECT. 7. A town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading room, owned by the town, shall, at an annual meeting or special meeting, unless the same has been acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its trustees or for its care and management which have been accepted by the town, elect by ballot a board of trustees consisting of any number of persons, male or female, divisible by three, which the

town determines to elect. When such board is first chosen, one-third thereof shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third shall be elected annually for the term of three years. The board shall, from its own number, annually choose a chairman and secretary and, if the town so votes, a treasurer, who shall give a bond similar to that given by the town treasurer, in an amount and with sureties to the satisfaction of the selectmen. The town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees until the town otherwise directs.

SECT. 8. The board shall have the custody and management of the library and reading room and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance shall be expended by the board, and all money or property which the town may receive by gift or bequest for said library and reading room shall be administered by the board in accordance with the provisions of such gift or bequest.

SECT. 9. The board shall make an annual report to the town of its receipts and expenditures and of the property in its custody, with a statement of any unexpended balance of money and of any gifts or bequests which it holds in behalf of the town, with its recommendations.

SECT. 10. The provisions of the three preceding sections shall not apply to library associations, nor to a library organized under a special act.

Board of Free Public Library Commissioners.

SECT. 11. There shall be a board of free public library commissioners consisting of five persons, residents of the commonwealth, one of whom shall annually be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of five years. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof.

SECT. 12. No member shall receive any compensation, but the board may annually expend not more than five hundred dollars, payable by the commonwealth, for clerical assistance and for other necessary expenses. It shall annually in January make a report to the general court.

SECT. 13. The board shall advise the librarian or trustees of any free public library relative to the selection or cataloguing of books and any other matter pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

SECT. 14. Said board may, upon the application of the library trustees of a town which has complied with the provisions of sections sixteen and seventeen, and which has no free public library owned and controlled by the town, expend not more than one hundred dollars for books to be selected and purchased by said board and delivered to said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library.

SECT. 15. If a town, the valuation of which is not more than six hundred thousand dollars and which has a free public library, has complied with all laws relative to the maintenance of such library, and the trustees of the library provide, to the satisfaction of the board, for the distribution of books in different parts of the town where such distribution is necessary, by means of branch libraries or deliveries, and for practical and effective means of rendering the library useful to the teachers and scholars of the public schools in such town, the board may expend, in such amounts and at such times as they determine, not more than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books for each free public library owned and controlled by such town.

SECT. 16. A town shall not be entitled to the benefits of the three preceding sections until it accepts the same or has accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in section seven, nor until said trustees have made provision satisfactory to said commissioners for the care and distribution of the books furnished by them.

SECT. 17. Such town shall, if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or over, annually appropriate from the dog tax, or otherwise provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, not less than fifty dollars; if such valuation was less than one million dollars and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand, not less than twenty-five dollars; and if such valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, not less than fifteen dollars.

1904

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN STATE DOCUMENTS TO LAW LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1904, chapter 209.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

All incorporated law libraries in Massachusetts shall be entitled to receive from the officers of the Commonwealth charged with the distribution of the same, copies of all books and documents to which the county law libraries are entitled under any general or special law, and one additional copy for each branch library maintained by them. [*Approved April 9, 1904.*

1906

AN ACT TO AID FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE SMALL TOWNS.

[Acts of 1906, chapter 183.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of free public library commissioners may annually expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars in aid of free public libraries, especially in those towns the valuation of which does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars. Such aid may include the furnishing of

books in small quantities, visits to libraries, the instruction of librarians, and such other means of encouraging and stimulating the small libraries as said commissioners shall deem advisable: *provided,* that a full detail of expenditures under this act shall be printed in the annual report of the commissioners.

Appropriation of Money for Libraries, etc.

Section 15, chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, provides that towns may appropriate money "for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein, and for the erection or provision of suitable buildings or rooms therefor."

"For maintaining a library therein to which the inhabitants have free access and of which they have the use, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room in connection with and under the control of the managers of such library."

The Dog Tax.

Section 163, chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, provides that money received for dog licenses and refunded to the towns "shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools."

DEFACING OR WILFUL DETENTION OF BOOKS, PAPERS, ETC.

Sections 83 and 84, chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, provide that "whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or statue which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

"Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, detains a book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library for thirty days after notice in writing from the librarian thereof, containing a copy of this section and given after the expiration of the time which, by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

DISTURBING PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Section 33, chapter 212 of the Revised Laws, provides that "whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library, or a reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner

during the time when such library or reading room is open to the public shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

Land may be taken for Library Buildings.

Section 47 of chapter 25 of the Revised Laws provides that "any land within the limits of a city or town not appropriated to public uses" may be taken "for the purpose of erecting thereon a building to be used for a public school, a library, or an engine house, or for the enlargement of a lot of land taken or used for such purpose," — but the land thus taken may not exceed two acres in extent.

Public Documents.

Under provisions of chapter 9 of the Revised Laws, each town and city library is entitled to receive a copy of the Manual of the General Court, the Blue Book, and a copy of the series of public documents.

An Act relative to the social law library of the county of Suffolk.

[Acts of 1906, chapter 527.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The amount of money paid hereafter to the social law library of the county of Suffolk shall be taken from the sums heretofore or hereafter collected as naturalization fees under the provisions of section eighteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the Revised Laws, and from no other source, unless the money so collected is in any future year less than the amount to be paid to the said library as aforesaid.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved June 27, 1906.*

1910

An Act to provide for the appointment of an agent by the board of free public library commissioners and for other expenses of said board.

[Acts of 1910, chapter 396.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The board of free public library commissioners shall appoint an agent, with the consent of the governor, at a salary to be approved by the governor and council, for a period not exceeding five years. The said agent may at any time be removed from office by a majority vote of the board.

Sect. 2. Section twelve of chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words "five hundred", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — three thousand, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 12.* No member shall re-

ceive any compensation, but the board may annually expend not more than three thousand dollars, payable by the commonwealth, for clerical assistance and for other necessary expenses. It shall annually in January make a report to the general court.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 13, 1910.*

1911

AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE USEFULNESS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.

[Acts of 1911, chapter 140.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any free city or town public library may lend its books or other library material to any other free public library in any city or town, under such conditions and regulations as may be made in writing by the board of trustees or other authority having control of the library so lending. Any city or town may raise money to pay the expense of so borrowing books and other library material from the library of any other city or town. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict or modify any power which any city or town, or any board of trustees or other authority in control of any free public library, now has to lend to, or permit the use of its books by, persons not citizens of such city or town.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 14, 1911.*

1913

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BOOKS AND REPORTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO CITY AND TOWN LIBRARIES.

[Acts of 1913, chapter 93.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. In case the trustees of any city or town library shall vote not to keep or receive any of the books and reports which the secretary of the commonwealth is authorized to send to such library, the secretary of the commonwealth, at the request of the commissioner of public records, may discontinue sending such books and reports.

SECT. 2. Any of said books and reports now in the custody of any city or town library may be returned at its expense to the state library, or may otherwise be exchanged or disposed of with the sanction of the board of free public library commissioners.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved February 17, 1913.*

AN ACT TO AID FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE SMALL TOWNS.

[Acts of 1913, chapter 316.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and eighty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby amended by striking out the word "two", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — four, — so as to read as follows: — The board of free public library commissioners may annually expend a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars in aid of free public libraries, especially in those towns the valuation of which does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars. Such aid may include the furnishing of books in small quantities, visits to libraries, the instruction of librarians, and such other means of encouraging and stimulating the small libraries as said commissioners shall deem advisable: *provided,* that a full detail of expenditures under this act shall be printed in the annual report of the commissioners.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 21, 1913.*

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The office of the Free Public Library Commission is in the State Library of Massachusetts, State House, Boston.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twenty-fourth report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1912, to Nov. 30, 1913.

The Commission

Mr. Frank H. Howes of Newton was reappointed by Governor Foss a member of the commission on Oct. 1, 1913, for the term of five years.

Libraries aided

The Free Public Library Commission has supplied books to the following towns during the year: —

Alford
Barnstable (Centerville)
Bellingham
Berlin
Bernardston
Blandford
Bolton
Boxborough
Boylston
Brimfield
Buckland
Chester
Chesterfield
Chilmark
Clarksburg
Colrain
Cummington
Dunstable
Eastham
Erving
Freetown (East Freetown)
Gay Head
Gill
Granby
Granville
Greenwich
Halifax
Holland
Huntington
Leverett
Leyden
Mashpee
Middlefield
Monroe
Monterey
New Ashford
New Braintree
New Marlborough
New Salem
Pelham
Pembroke
Peru
Plainfield
Plainville
Plympton
Prescott
Richmond
Sandisfield
Southwick

Tolland
Truro
Tyngsborough
Wales
Warwick
Washington
West Boylston
West Brookfield
West Stockbridge
Westhampton
Windsor — 61.

In addition to the above, books given to the commission by its friends have been sent to the following towns: —

Burlington
Dunstable
Gay Head
New Marlborough
New Salem
Richmond
Palmer
(Three Rivers) — 7.

The commission has sent supplies to the following towns during the year: —

Barnstable
(Marston's Mills)
Dennis
Dennis
(East Dennis)
Dighton
Hardwick
(Gilbertville)
Hamilton
Hubbardston
Hull
Huntington
Leverett
New Salem
Oakham
Plymouth
(Manomet)
Scituate
Wales
Wenham
Williamstown — 17.

A set of books on agriculture, owned by the commission, has been sent to Boylston, and those sent last year to Brimfield and Ashby renewed for six months. The French traveling libraries sent to Douglas and Millbury have been exchanged and French traveling libraries have been sent to —

Great Barrington
(Housatonic)
Montague
Northbridge
Palmer
(Three Rivers)
Pembroke
(Bryantville)
Spencer
Uxbridge — 7.

Italian traveling libraries have been sent to —

Charlemont
Florida
(Drury)
Great Barrington
(Housatonic)
Lincoln
Millbury
Sudbury.— 6.

Polish traveling libraries have been sent to —

Gardner
Georgetown
Ludlow (two)
Palmer — 5.

Instruction of Librarians

The tuition of the assistant of the North Reading Public Library and that of the librarians of the Littleton and West Stockbridge public libraries has been paid by the commission in the summer library school of Simmons College.

Miss Ruby Tillinghast has been sent for instruction in book-mending to —

Falmouth
(Woods Hole)
Hamilton
Marston's Mills
Scituate
Wenham — 5.

Library Buildings

Appended is a list of libraries whose new buildings have been completed during the year. Details may be found under the town in Appendix I.

Beverly
Boston
(North End Branch)
(Charlestown Branch)
Brockton
Chicopee
Dartmouth
(North Dartmouth)
Great Barrington
Hardwick
(Gilbertville)
Salem
(South Branch Library)
Somerville
Winchendon — 11.

The following libraries have new buildings under construction at the present time: —

Ashfield
Boston
(East Boston Branch)
Lakeville
Leyden
Orange
Shelburne Falls
Springfield
(Memorial Square Branch)
Worcester
(Greendale Branch)
(Quinsigamond Branch)
(Southbridge St. Branch) — 10.

Woman's Education Association

The commission acknowledges with pleasure and pride the admirable work accomplished by the Woman's Education Association in the circulation of the traveling libraries in the smaller

towns and in the outlying villages of the State. During the year 1913, 89 libraries made 106 visits to the following 94 towns and villages: —

Acton [1]
(West Acton)
Alford
Athol [2]
Auburn [2]
Belchertown [2]
Bernardston [2]
Blandford [2]
Boxborough
Brookfield [2]
Buckland
Burlington
Chester
(Chester Center)
(Littleville)
(North Chester)
Chilmark
Clarksburg
Clarksburg
(Briggsville)
Colrain
Cummington
(Cummington Center)
(Swift River)
(West Cummington)
Dunstable
Duxbury [2]
Enfield [2]
Erving
Florida
Florida
(Drury)
(Hoosac Tunnel)
Freetown
(East Freetown)
Gardner [2]
Gill
Goshen
Greenfield [2]
Greenwich
Halifax
Hancock
Hardwick
(Gilbertville) [2]
(Wheelwright)
Hawley
Heath
Holland
Hudson
Huntington
Huntington
(Knightville)
Hyannis [2]
Ipswich [2]
Leverett
Leyden
Maynard [2]
Medway [2]
Montague
(Millers Falls)
(Montague Center) [2]
(Montague City)
(Turners Falls) [2]
Monterey
New Marlborough
(Clayton)
(Hartsville)
(Southfield)
New Salem [1]
Northborough [2]
Oak Bluffs
Oakham
Otis
Oxford [2]
Palmer [2]
(Three Rivers)
Paxton
Pelham
Pepperell
(East Pepperell)
Peru
Plainfield
Prescott
Rowe [1]
Royalston [2]
Russell
Rutland
Sandisfield
Shutesbury
Templeton [2]
Tyringham [1]
Wales
Washington
West Boylston [2]
West Springfield [2]
(Ashleyville)
West Stockbridge
West Stockbridge
(West Center)
West Tisbury
Wellfleet
Wendell
Wenham
Westminster [2]
Westport
Whately [2]
Windsor
Yarmouth
(West Yarmouth)
— 94.

Twenty-four collections of pictures have made 131 visits to 120 places. Among the most popular sets may be mentioned

[1] Both regular and Audubon libraries.

[2] Special libraries only.

the following: A Box of Apples, Misses Allen's Deerfield photographs, Southern Coast of England, Woman in Art, Pageant at Lancaster, Parrots, From Naples to Pæstum and the Prang platinettes.

The work with the foreign-born population has been extended as rapidly as possible. There are now four Polish libraries, one Italian and two French, while several others are in preparation.

Field Work of the Commission

The work of Miss Zaidee Brown, the agent of the commission, has been described in the two previous reports. This year she has continued along the same lines: visiting libraries; talking with trustees, librarians and teachers; and helping "weed out," classify and catalogue libraries. A large number of her visits are made on request from the librarian or trustees, either for general consultation or to advise on some special change that is contemplated. Often an estimate of the cost of classifying, cataloguing or installing a new charging system is wanted. In towns of less than $600,000 valuation, where the trustees wish to make such a change, the commission frequently furnishes a trained library worker for about two weeks to help in the reorganization. The only expense to the town is for room and board. In the wealthier towns, where the library is able to pay for the additional help needed, the commission sends Miss Brown for two or three days to help plan the work, and she also frequently takes charge of securing the necessary supplies, a cataloguer, and so forth. During the year Miss Brown has visited several libraries that were reorganized under the supervision of the commission. In all cases the librarians report greater ease in finding books or material on a subject, and greater convenience in the charging system. One great advantage of putting the library in good order and making a catalogue is that when it changes hands the new librarian is able to learn its resources more readily. In many cases the townspeople are asked to help in the work as volunteers. This leads to a better knowledge of the library and a keener appreciation of its value.

Besides visiting libraries to aid in their reorganization, Miss Brown has made many general visits. Conferences have

been held with trustees, librarians and others about the library and its possibilities. Suggestions have been given concerning aids in book selection, work with schools, liberal rules for borrowers and the distribution of books throughout the town. A short visit has often brought about noticeable results, in many instances the trustees and librarian following up suggestions as to how the library can be made more useful. In general, active and efficient trustees realize the undeveloped possibilities of the library, and are glad to discuss methods and plans with one who brings to them the experience of other communities.

Following is a list of places visited by Miss Brown during the year: —

Agawam
(Agawam Center)
(Feeding Hills) (two visits)
Amherst
(North Amherst)
Ashfield (two visits)
Ashland
Athol
Berkley
Berlin
Bernardston
Boxborough
Boylston
Brimfield
Buckland
Burlington
Chester
Chester
(Chester Center)
Chesterfield
Dana
Deerfield (two visits)
Dighton (two visits)
Easthampton
Falmouth
(Woods Hole)
Gardner
Georgetown (two visits)
Gill
Gloucester
Granville
Great Barrington
Greenwich
Groveland
Groveland
(South Groveland)
Hardwick
Hardwick
(Gilbertville)
Hatfield
Hingham
Holden (two visits)
Hubbardston (two visits)
Huntington (two visits)
Leominster
Leverett
Lincoln
Littleton
Ludlow
Lynnfield
Mashpee
Maynard
Middlefield
Millbury
Monson
Montague
Montague
(Montague City)

New Salem (two visits)
Newbury
(Byfield) (two visits)
Northfield (two visits)
Northfield
(Northfield Farms)
Oxford (two visits)
Palmer (six visits)
Petersham
Plymouth
(Manomet) (two visits)
Rockport
Seekonk
Sharon
Sheffield
Shelburne Falls
Shrewsbury (two visits)
Somerset
Southwick (two visits)
Sudbury
Swansea (four visits)
Tewksbury
Wales (two visits)
Warren
Wendell
West Boylston
West Springfield
Westfield (two visits)
Westford
Westhampton
Wilbraham (three visits)
Williamstown
Winchendon
Worcester (Normal School) — 82.

During the year Miss Brown has made 109 visits to 82 libraries. The visits have varied in length from a few hours to several days. She has also attended meetings of the library clubs of the State, and has spoken before women's clubs and other organizations.

Miss E. Louise Jones, formerly office secretary, has visited in a similar manner the following libraries: —

Blandford
Dighton
Granby
Hatfield
Hull (two visits)
Monroe
Northborough
Rowe
Spencer
Warren
Wayland
West Brookfield — 12.

Miss Ruth H. Townsend, the present office secretary, has visited the following libraries: —

Burlington
Chatham
Edgartown
Harwich
Oak Bluffs
Plymouth
(Manomet)
Scituate
Tisbury
(Vineyard Haven)
Truro
Wellfleet — 10.

Miss Leonora O'Herron, the commission's representative in the western part of the State, has visited the following libraries: —

Adams	Dalton	New Salem
Becket	Deerfield	Palmer
Belchertown	Erving	Peru
Charlemont	Lanesborough	Russell
Cheshire	Leverett	Sheffield
Clarksburg	Monterey	Southwick
Colrain	New Marlborough	Windsor — 21.

During the past year the commission has been especially interested in bringing the schools into closer touch with the libraries, and we have tried to arouse interest in this work. Teachers may give valuable aid to the library by stimulating and guiding the reading of the children, and may also add greatly to the interest of the prescribed school work by suggesting illustrative reading. Nearly all libraries allow teachers additional books for school use, and many keep deposits of books in the schoolrooms for circulation among the children. Miss Brown has given an informal talk to the teachers in each town where she has visited, when it was possible to arrange such a meeting, showing what can be done to interest the children and asking the teachers' co-operation in suggesting books that will be helpful in their work, for purchase by the libraries. Miss O'Herron has given a little talk at the following teachers' institutes: —

Belchertown	Erving	Russell
Charlemont	Lanesborough	Southwick — 8.
Colrain	Leverett	

Miss Jones gave an informal talk to the teachers at the institute at West Brookfield, and Miss Townsend at Oak Bluffs. Miss Brown spoke at Winchendon, and has also addressed the pupils at the Worcester and Westfield normal schools.

To further create interest in this work the commission has corresponded with the superintendents of schools in all towns under $1,000,000 valuation, asking their co-operation and suggestions as to how the libraries in their towns could better serve the schools. As a result, each town under $1,000,000 valuation, and not having school deposits, has been offered $25 worth of books if it would place them in the schools. The response has been very cordial and the boards of trustees have welcomed the suggestion of school deposits.

The libraries in the following towns have been catalogued with the aid of a worker sent by the commission. In some cases a new charging system was installed. Where the work took more than two or three weeks, the library paid for the additional time of the cataloguer.

	Volumes
Clarksburg	407
Dennis (East Dennis)	2,065
Falmouth (Woods Hole)	2,644
Hubbardston	5,352
New Salem	2,235
Plymouth (Manomet)	555
Wales	1,720

Seven towns.

The catalogue was completed, with help from the commission, in the following towns: —

	Volumes
Colrain	3,170
Huntington	2,260

Two towns.

In the towns noted below the library paid for the cataloguer, or the work was done by the librarian. The agent of the commission gave from one to four days' help in planning and starting the work. In some cases the entire library was catalogued, and in others the catalogue was begun or completed.

	Volumes
Agawam (Feeding Hills)	2,500
Dighton	2,892
Georgetown	10,000
Great Barrington	13,934
Hardwick (Gilbertville)	1,800
Hingham	14,378
Hull	3,000
Oxford	10,325
Palmer	9,179
Somerset	3,000
Swansea	6,652
Williamstown	7,000

Twelve towns.

Number of Books allowed to Each Reader

The commission is much gratified to be able to report that all the free public libraries of the Commonwealth permit the use of at least two books to each reader at a time, with the exception of the following towns: Cummington, Enfield, Hanson and Williamstown.

Co-operation in Library Work

The experiment of the commission in subscribing to the Berkshire Athenæum in Pittsfield for library privileges for twelve of the small towns in Berkshire County has proved gratifying in its result. Although a good many volumes of fiction have been borrowed, it is a satisfaction to note that among the libraries for which the commission subscribed, the majority of the books drawn have been non-fiction of high quality. It is hoped that this method of co-operation has proved of so great advantage to the trustees of the libraries that they themselves will continue the nominal subscription of $5 a year in the future. The commission feels justified in offering this privilege to other small towns in Berkshire County. The Williams College Library has been ready at all times to meet requests from borrowers in Berkshire County, so far as lay within its means.

The committee on co-operation between the various library clubs of the Commonwealth and the Free Public Library Commission has justified its existence and its continuation. An account of this committee, its membership and its work was contained in the twenty-third report of the Library Commission. Since last year, under the direction of its secretary, Miss Louisa M. Hooper of Brookline, the libraries of the State have been divided into small groups consisting of from three to eleven libraries in a group, with a local secretary at the head of each. Mr. Belden, the chairman of the committee, has recently sent a circular letter to the local secretaries, asking for a report on the work accomplished and enclosing the following suggestions from the secretary of the committee: —

To the Local Secretary.

In suggesting the formation of the libraries of Massachusetts into small groups with some one prominent library as a center, the committee of the Massachusetts Library Club, which is responsible for the plan, has had in mind a general improvement in library conditions to be brought about through most informal methods. While really depending on each local secretary to use his or her own judgment, the committee makes the following suggestions of what may be done to attain the desired results: —

1. Try an "open-house day" at the central library, to which send a very informal invitation. Arrange for a luncheon together if practicable. Throw open the doors and take down the fences, and make the visitors feel at home. Have a sample book laid out with the library's blank forms, — some rebound books, with name of binder, price, etc. In short, show any library notions that may be of use to your neighbor. This sort of "library day" might, of course, be combined with a "round table" in the afternoon, to which each librarian or assistant would be asked to bring questions and subjects which she wishes to be discussed. Such a meeting as this would encourage more frequent neighborhood visiting, which might in turn inspire more frequent attendance at the meetings of the various library clubs, in that two persons might persuade each other to go where one would stay at home. At any rate, the local secretary should be sure that the libraries in her group are represented at the meetings, and she should endeavor to promote the acquaintance of the librarians at such meetings.

2. Another suggestion is that the central library in the group might be called on for advice or assistance in solving any difficult problem; that in such a case the librarian or an assistant might go to give the needed help. It might even be possible for libraries to arrange an occasional exchange of assistants for a few weeks or days to promote familiarity with different methods, and to give, in general, a broader outlook to those concerned.

3. A suggestion from Connecticut that might be tried is as follows: The State Commission appointed a "library day," when the librarian in each town was asked to give an informal talk in the schools and the children were asked to come with quotations relating to books. The day brought about a splendid spirit of co-operation.

4. It would be very desirable if each local secretary should serve as a connecting link between the commission and the libraries in her group.

The results anticipated are greater efficiency of the libraries concerned through the most informal and friendly of methods.

The returns so far received from the local secretaries are most encouraging, and work of a constructive nature is being carried on in many sections of the State. Valuable suggestions have also been submitted, and the commission hopes to arrange for a meeting of the local secretaries of the State when

the Massachusetts Library Club holds its annual meeting in the spring.

In Appendix V. of the report may be found an almost complete list of the local secretaries and the libraries in each group. Appendix IV. lists the advisory visitors of the commission.

Work for Foreigners

On March 25, 1913, the chairman sent the following letter and recommendations to Governor Foss: —

His Excellency Eugene N. Foss, *Governor of the Commonwealth, State House, Boston, Mass.*

Dear Mr. Foss: — I beg to submit herewith recommendations from the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts in reference to library work with foreigners. Accompanying the recommendations is a draft of "An Act to provide for the appointment of a foreign agent or secretary by the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners, and for expenses connected therewith."

The opportunity to extend the usefulness of the commission in this direction is so apparent that we trust you may see your way to recommending to the Legislature that a field secretary, with appropriate expenses, be authorized.

Respectfully yours,

Charles F. D. Belden,
Chairman.

Recommendations. — Since last fall the Free Public Library Commission has been interested in aiding libraries in work with foreigners, both by providing books and by organized efforts to introduce the library to the foreign-speaking population. Under authority of law the activities of the commission in giving direct aid are limited especially to those towns whose valuation is under $600,000. The efforts so far made by the commission relating to library work with foreigners have been received with so much enthusiasm, and so many requests have come from the larger towns and cities, that the commission feels that it should receive authority and means whereby immediate attention can be given to this important work in all sections of the Commonwealth.

The Free Public Library Commission, therefore, recommends the employment of a special field agent or secretary who can study the problems involved, select the books, co-operate with existing associations, and visit the local foreign societies in different towns, and interest the librarians, trustees, teachers, and others in the furtherance of their activities with the foreign population.

Libraries are recognized as wholly non-political and non-sectarian, and therefore have a special opportunity to welcome newcomers to this country and interest them in all that pertains to good citizenship.

Provision should also be made for occasional assistance from competent representatives of the non-English speaking races in different localities for lectures, addresses, etc., and for other incidental expenses.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,
Chairman.

On March 27, Governor Foss sent the following letter to the General Court: —

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 27, 1913.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

Herewith I transmit the recommendations of the Free Public Library Commission in respect to library work for foreigners.

It appears to be of the utmost importance that we should take steps toward the education of our immigrant population in order that they may understand the ideals and conditions of American life. The assimilation of our foreign population cannot proceed effectively unless they are brought into sympathy with, and given an understanding of, the aims and purposes of our democracy.

There have been many illustrations of the dangers which confront us through an increasing alien population that is out of harmony with our society and that follows blindly the lead of ignorant and vicious agitators. For the protection of society, and particularly for the protection of our laboring population, including the foreigners themselves, we must not omit any reasonable measure for the proper education and training of the foreigner who makes his home in Massachusetts.

I need not dwell upon the obvious gravity of the situation, nor do I consider the present measure in itself sufficient to meet all the requirements of the situation; but I earnestly request of the Legislature that it accord to the Free Public Library the very moderate extension which it now seeks.

EUGENE N. FOSS.

Favorable action on the part of the Legislature resulted in the following: —

ACTS OF 1913, CHAPTER 668.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS OF A DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL WORK FOR ALIENS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of free public library commissioners may, with the consent of the governor and council, appoint an agent or secretary to

direct educational work for the benefit of the alien population of the commonwealth, at a salary of such amount, not exceeding two thousand dollars, as the governor and council may approve. The said agent may at any time be removed from office by a majority vote of the board. In case of a vacancy, temporary substitutes may be engaged on terms and conditions approved by the governor and council.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 16, 1913.*

Massachusetts is to be congratulated on having secured for the position of secretary to direct educational work for the benefit of the alien population of the Commonwealth, Miss J. Maud Campbell, lately social agent of the Boston Dwelling House Association at Forest Hills. Miss Campbell has had ten years' experience in library work, seven as librarian of the Passaic Public Library, which served a large foreign population. In 1906 she was appointed by Governor Stokes as a member of the New Jersey Immigration Commission which investigated and reported on the condition of the immigrants coming into and residing in the State. The commission's report resulted in the appropriation of State funds for the establishment of evening classes for foreign-speaking people, with a view to training them for intelligent citizenship. Miss Campbell left the Passaic library to become educational secretary of the New York and New Jersey division of the North American Civic League for Immigrants.

Miss Campbell's work with this philanthropic organization brought her closely in touch with the native and foreign leaders in welfare work for aliens, as well as with the educational authorities of the State. She organized schools for adults in the labor camps of the contractors constructing the new New York city aqueduct, and arranged for lectures on hygiene, history, civics, etc., which in connection with a stereopticon and moving-picture machine provided both instruction and recreation for the immigrant workers. In New York city, experimental classes were conducted for adult immigrants during the summer months, when the arrival of newcomers is greatest, and afternoon classe for those whose occupation prevented their attending the evening schools, which have since been adopted by the Board of Education as part of the gen-

eral school plan. Miss Campbell prepared school material in English and foreign languages especially suited to the foreign workmen and their occupation, and pamphlets in regard to naturalization and immigrant women, which received favorable comment in the foreign press.

As educational director, Miss Campbell has taken hold of her work with enthusiastic interest. It was first necessary to find out where the foreign colonies were located, or of what nationalities they consisted, and how the libraries in the different localities were equipped to serve their alien population. Visits were made to Springfield, Worcester and Northampton, where, through the courtesy of the libraries, conferences were held with the leaders of the different nationalities and others interested in the welfare of the aliens. In every instance the reception was most cordial, the foreign leaders being unanimous in the opinion that libraries could serve the greatest educational need of the adult alien in assisting him to acquire a knowledge of the English language and such information as is to be found in his own language on the opportunities, laws and all that pertains to good citizenship in this country. Assistance was freely offered the commission, both by advising the foreign-speaking people of the benefits they would derive from using the libraries and by recommending suitable material to be found in their own tongues.

Librarians have been equally helpful in reporting a knowledge of the foreign-speaking element in their midst, and while complete statistics have not been obtained, or the statement made verified, 99 libraries reported having a foreign population in their town, the numbers varying from "just a few" to such statements as, "twenty-seven different nationalities" and "half the town Slavic." Sixty-one libraries reported having some books in foreign languages, and 38 reported a foreign population, but no books other than English for their use. From the figures obtained, it would seem that the French, German and Norwegian people have been more or less provided for; but there is need of books for colonies of Armenians, Finns, Greeks, Hebrews, Italians, Lithuanians, Poles, Portuguese and Swedes. The number of places reporting colonies of Albanians, Bohemians, Danes, Dutch, Russians and Slovenians are few. There

was no report of Spaniards in Massachusetts, either from libraries or in the federal census of 1910, but 7 libraries reported collections of books in Spanish, acquired doubtless for their literary and educational value.

That the efforts of some libraries to help their foreign-speaking people have been appreciated was shown in the statements of the librarians, such as, "Our work for the Greeks has been most encouraging." "The circulation of the Polish books has increased greatly." "All the Polish books were taken out immediately. It would take 2,000 to supply the present demand."

Largely through the kindness of friends, in either supplying the books or the funds to buy them, the commission was able to lend to the smaller communities 19 traveling libraries in the following languages: French, Italian and Polish. This has exhausted the present available supply. These traveling libraries consisted of a few books for the use of foreigners in learning English, a dictionary of English and the foreign tongue, histories of the United States, a book on citizenship and information about the country, laws, sanitary requirements, etc., in the language of the nationality when it could be obtained, as well as a few volumes of their native writers with an English translation if available. Funds are needed in order that the commission may extend this work. Ninety libraries stated they would like to endeavor to reach their foreign-speaking population, if the commission could lend them enough books to make the experiment. The following shows the attitude of a number of librarians: —

> Are there any libraries available in other languages? We have calls for Dutch, Lithuanian and Armenian books. . . . It seems to me that this is a burden that the State should assume, for many of the foreigners wander from place to place, are often discharged when work is slack, and it is hard for the libraries in the small manufacturing towns to give them the help that they need, for their funds hardly suffice to keep up with the demands of those who read English.

The commission is deeply grateful for the prompt and generous assistance it has received from the Dante Alighieri Society. The Boston branch, through its president, Dr. Brindisi, offered advice in selecting Italian books, presented

a small collection from its own library, and also secured a gift of over 200 volumes from the parent society in Rome. The commission also wishes to acknowledge the kind assistance of Miss Amy A. Bernardy, a member of the society and emigration commissioner for the Italian government, in supplying information about Italian literature and book-dealers which will be of great value in selecting books for her countrymen. This kindly spirit of interest and co-operation means much more to the commission than the money value of the books it has received, and sets an example many other national and patriotic societies might well follow.

Assistance has also been received from the Colonial Dames and Circolo Italiano in supplying libraries in foreign languages, which have been circulated by the Woman's Education Association.

It is a little too soon to speak of results from this new department of the commission's work, but a few of the questions to which it has already made replies will show the nature of the work it will have to do: —

Please recommend a good book for Poles to use to learn English.

We can only spend $10; what are the best Italian books to buy?

We are going to put in some books for the Greeks and Italians working here; please send us lists of good books in these languages.

What is the best French magazine to purchase for a high school library?

Send us a list of Portuguese books.

We want a list of Swedish books.

Please send me titles of books suitable for Italians to learn English.

I would like the names of dealers who can supply books for the Syrians.

Titles of books in modern Greek with notes about them.

Names of some books on hygiene in Lithuanian.

Can you send us a list of interesting books on immigration for a woman's study club?

Miss Campbell has visited 25 libraries and spoken at six meetings in the furtherance of this work.

The commission again has pleasure in calling the attention of librarians, and all others interested in the work with people of alien birth, to the "Immigrant's Guide to the United States." This little green guide is a very useful interpreter between the librarian and our foreign-born who speak no

English, for it is accessible in English to the librarian, and can be read in his own Italian or Polish or Yiddish by the newcomer. It is a guide to the opportunities offered by our country to the immigrant, — opportunities of self-improvement, economic as well as educational.

The chapters on learning English, the educational advantages in this country, the history and government and the agricultural opportunities are very suggestive for help, while a world of suffering and trouble would be saved the immigrants if they knew the prohibitions and provisions contained in the chapters of our laws.

A half hour's reading of the English edition of the guide will give the librarian a comprehensive idea of its purpose and possibilities, and be fruitful in suggestions for its effective use. An index has now been prepared, by which it is possible to find at once for a foreigner's help any desired paragraph in any of the editions.

The guide is a useful book to send, through the children, to parents who speak no English, — a friendly hint and invitation which many will accept. In some libraries its use has been increased by placing it on sale at the delivery desk.

The commission will be glad to present copies of this guide in limited numbers to the smaller libraries, while the larger libraries can secure copies from the international committee of the Twentieth Century Club, 3 Joy Street, Boston, or from the Immigrant Education Society, 241 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for 15 cents in paper and 30 cents bound in cloth.

Equally valuable is an attractive booklet prepared by Mrs. Belle Israels for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, entitled, "The child," which is especially written for the foreign mother and home-maker. It gives instruction in a simple manner on the care of the home, the household utensils; cautions about flies, mosquitoes, disinfection and sanitation; as well as most explicit directions on the care of children in this climate, their diet and clothing from infancy to school age; with simple advice in cases of accident and illness. It has been translated into French, German, Italian, Polish and Yiddish; and may be procured, free of charge, from the Metropolitan

Life Insurance Company, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, or through their local agent. It is almost the only attractive book to offer immigrant women when they are struggling to reach our standard of living.

The American National Red Cross have considered the large increase of the foreign speaking in "the industrial army of the United States," to which it dedicates its "Abridged Text-book on First Aid," by printing this useful book in Italian, Polish, Lithuanian and Slovenian. The information to be acquired from it might be of inestimable value in case of accident, when prompt aid might mean the saving of life or limb, and sick or death benefits. The importance of learning how to prevent accidents is wisely emphasized. The book may be purchased in the languages named from Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., at 30 cents a copy.

The societies issuing the above-mentioned books do not look for any financial profit from their distribution.

Recommendations

Owing to the increased activities of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners and the general interest in the same in Massachusetts and other States, there has been an unusual demand for its reports. During the past two years the request for reports has been so great that it has not been possible to comply with the same, as the available copies have been so limited. The Board recommends that an increase of 500 be made to the edition of 2,000 now published, and that 1,200 copies of the edition shall be made available for distribution by the commissioners.

In many sections of the State it would be a great convenience if citizens of one town had the right to borrow books from the library of an adjoining town. It is not infrequently the case that a person in a country district lives nearer to the library in an adjoining town than he does to the library in his own town. The Free Public Library Commissioners recommend legislation permitting the use of libraries by non-residents and citizens of other towns on such terms and conditions as the trustees of the lending library may in reason prescribe.

The State Board of Education has been in sympathy with the endeavor of the commission to further co-operation between the schools and the libraries. The school superintendents throughout the State have eagerly lent their counsel and aid; and, with the consent of the library trustees, library collections of reference and children's books have been placed in 62 schools during the past year for the benefit of both children and teachers. To encourage this co-operation the commission has sent small collections of books to the public libraries to form a nucleus for such school deposits.

An increased appropriation for direct aid will enable the commission to extend this form of co-operation and also to make real progress in its work for the aliens in the State, who now comprise one-third of its inhabitants. Last year, when the Legislature gave the commission authority to appoint an educational director for work with the aliens, not only was the authorized salary for the director inadequate, but no provision was made for any expenses connected with the same. The need for this work, the enthusiasm with which it is hailed, has been described in the current report of the library commission.

Under existing legislation, direct aid is now granted to towns with a valuation of less than $600,000. There are few libraries in towns with a valuation of less than $1,000,000 which can, unaided, make adequate provision either for school work or for a foreign-speaking population; and there are towns above that valuation where the tax rate is already so high that no increased appropriation for the library can be expected, and where the needs of the younger members of the community and of newcomers from foreign lands cannot be met without injustice to the adult native population using the library. Not only are books important for such towns, but their libraries are urgently in need of advice and assistance, in order to make good the resources which they now possess.

Experience has convinced the commission that so far as both schools and foreigners are concerned the benefit of such aid would be even greater in many towns which, with a somewhat larger valuation, have also a much larger population. These towns have often a number of schools at a considerable

distance from the central library, each one of which contains as many children as some of the smaller towns now aided. During the past year many requests have come to the commission from superintendents of schools and teachers for assistance in enabling the libraries in such towns to supply books for children which they are unable to purchase from their own funds. This need is especially great in the country towns with children of foreign birth.

That the activity of the field agent and other commission workers has borne fruitful results is evidenced by the reports of the trustees and librarians of the libraries that have received visits and aid from the commission. The results comprise increased circulation of books, better and more liberal administration, including a more careful selection of books, simplified methods of shelving and of keeping track of the library's collections, longer hours of opening, more liberal rules in lending, etc. So important has the field work become, and so urgent is the need of encouraging this phase of the commission work, that the commission asks increased appropriations to carry it on and legislative authority to extend its activities in all legitimate ways to libraries in towns of $1,000,000 valuation or over, as in the judgment of the commission shall seem advisable.

An enlarged appropriation for clerical services and other expenses will enable the commission to secure additional help, not only for its increased office work, but to obtain "local aid" from competent people in various sections of the Commonwealth. This "local aid" for the regular commission work might consist in obtaining the services of some trained librarian, who is now giving only part time to regular library work, to visit and work for the commission in neighboring towns. The advantages of such a plan are obvious. The local agent would know persons and communities, would be able to keep track of a certain specified district, and would carry out the directions of the commission under its authority. In this way, aid could be efficiently given to the small library where the librarian is untrained, and secure, in small measure at least, expert administration. With over 400 libraries, more direct and frequent service is demanded than the commission can now give with one field agent.

The commission, therefore, in order to extend its direct aid to libraries, to increase the co-operation between libraries and schools, to further its work with the population of foreign birth, and to provide for increased office and other expenses, including outside "local aid," recommends increases in its appropriations.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DR. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION, 1912–13. CR.

1912.					
Dec. 1 to	Books for stock and to be distributed to libraries	$2,452 85		Amount drawn from appropriation of $3,400 for aid to libraries	$3,400 00
Nov. 30,	Supplies for libraries	207 19			
1913.	Pamphlets for libraries, including A. L. A. booklist	279 53			
	Salaries and services	128 75			
	Traveling expenses	33 77			
	Tuition of three librarians at summer course of Simmons College Library.	55 00			
	Miscellaneous	242 91			
			$3,400 00		
	Salaries and services	$1,681 91		Amount drawn from appropriation of $3,000 for expenses	3,000 00
	Traveling expenses	619 09			
	Supplies for commission	302 18			
	Books and pamphlets for office use	36 78			
	Printing	35 12			
	Miscellaneous	324 92			
			3,000 00		
	Salary of director of educational work for aliens		500 00	Amount drawn from appropriation of $2,000 for salary of director of educational work for aliens.	500 00
	Agent's salary		1,600 00	Amount drawn from appropriation of $1,600 for agent's salary	1,600 00
	Annual report		372 81	Amount drawn from appropriation of $350 for printing and binding of annual report.	350 00
				Transferred from "Small items account"	22 81
	Total		$8,872 81	Total	$8,872 81

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN, *Chairman.*

APPENDICES

I. Notes of Library Progress.

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Appendix I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

Acton. Two books, only one of which may be fiction, are now allowed to each borrower.

Adams. Eleven sets of pictures received from the Library Art Club have been exhibited during the past year. By the will of Columbus N. Miller the library has received a bequest of about $40,000. Half of this amount is to be used for enlarging the library building. The income from the other half is to be used for the purchase of books. An addition to the present library building is in the process of construction.

Alford. Books have been received from the commission.

Andover. A new branch has been established at Ballardvale with about 800 books. It is open two afternoons and two evenings a week.

Arlington. Ministers are now permitted special card privileges formerly allowed to teachers only. The postal reserve system has been adopted. Mrs. James A. Bailey, Jr., has presented a handsome Sèvres urn with pedestal to the library art collection.

Ashburnham. A new rule, allowing a number of books for reference and study to be taken out on one card, has been adopted.

Ashfield. A memorial building, a gift from Mr. M. M. Belding of New York, is in the process of construction. The building is to cost about $30,000.

Ashland. Each borrower is now allowed two books on a card, and students are permitted several books for study. The age limit of borrowers has been lowered from fourteen to twelve years. During May and June the experiment of opening the library to readers for two hours on Sunday afternoon was tried, the extra expense being borne by the Women's Club. As the attendance did not justify the expenditure, the extension of hours was discontinued. An interesting and valuable gift of a case of 75 United States coins has been received from Mr. Wilfred Carter.

Attleborough. A gift of $227 has been received from the Federation of Women's Clubs for the purchase of reference books.

Auburn. German books have been borrowed from the Worcester Free Public Library. The story hour has been continued.

Ayer. The age limit of borrowers has been lowered from twelve to eight years. A valuable gift of reference books, consisting of Warner's "Library of the World's Best Literature" and the "Encyclopædia Americana," has been received from Mr. Benjamin Taft. Books have been received from Mrs. Eliza Nutting, and articles of historical interest from Mrs. Starr of Pepperell. A cabinet for the display of articles of historical nature, the gift of Mr. William Sherwin, has been placed in the reading room.

Barnstable. *Centerville.* Books have been received from the commission.

Cotuit. Miss Elizabeth Thurston has been chosen librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Alice Howard. A gift from the private library of John T. Coolidge of 700 volumes has been presented to the library by J. Templeman Coolidge, Jr. A gift of $100 has been received from Mrs. Howard Marston. Books have been received from the commission. Games for the children were introduced during the winter and have proved very popular.

Hyannis. The site and buildings which the Library Association has occupied for the last five years have been purchased. A gift of $8,750 has been received from the estate of the late Mrs. Georgianna B. Stillman.

Osterville. Fairs, concerts and other entertainments have been held for the benefit of the library.

Barre. Much reference work has been done with the teachers, pupils and members of the Friday Club.

Bedford. From time to time books on subjects of interest have been placed in the reading room. As far as practicable, borrowers are allowed access to the stacks.

Belchertown. Teachers in all the schools are now allowed an unlimited number of books for an indefinite period. The rural districts are abundantly supplied with books, five boxes having been sent out during the year.

Bellingham. Books have been received from Mr. John Albee, the Woman's Education Association and the commission. Library hours have been extended.

Berkley. Library hours have been extended one half hour a week.

Berlin. Books have been received from the commission.

Bernardston. Books have been received from the commission.

Beverly. The new library building was opened to the public on June 27. The total cost of building was $110,000, and $6,000 was spent in furnishings. Stack room is provided for 60,000 volumes, and space where stacks may be added to accommodate 30,000 more. The "Century Dictionary, Atlas and Cyclopædia of Names" and also "Notable Americans" have been received from Mr. R. H. Bancroft. A gift of 35 Italian books has been received from Prof. George E. Woodbury and about 300 volumes from Mr. William Endicott. A clock has been presented to the library by Mr. R. H. Bancroft. The circulation of Italian books has increased, and "L'Illustrazione" has been subscribed to. Pictures loaned by the Library Art Club and others have been exhibited.

Billerica. A gift of $1,000 has been received from the late W. H. Haynes. The sum of $10,000 has been received from Mrs. Rebecca B. Warren, the income of which is to be used for the annual expenses of the library. After January 1 the library will be open on Mondays.

Blandford. Books have been received from the commission.

Bolton. Electric lights have been installed. Books have been received from the commission.

Boston. Many valuable gifts have been received, in number amounting to 10,834 volumes, 22,604 serials and 65 newspaper subscriptions. The two largest gifts of books were received from the library of the late Henry W. Haines, and from the estate of the late Charles Eliot Norton. A symbolical bas-relief of Dante in marble, the gift of the Boston branch of the Società Nazionale, Dante Alighieri, has been placed in the North End branch. A gift of $25,000 has been received from the estate of the late Sarah A. Matchett. The new building for the North End branch on North Bennet Street has been completed. The new building for the Charlestown branch was open to the public for the first time on November 14. The extension of the Hyde Park branch has been completed, and a new building for the East Boston branch is being erected.

Bourne. A gift of about 70 books has been received from Mr. R. W. Emmons, 2d.

Boxborough. School deposits have been placed in four schools. Numerous social gatherings have been held to raise money for repairs on the library building. Books have been received from the commission.

Boxford. *West Boxford.* Fifty dollars' worth of books have been given by Mr. Herbert Harde, New York City.

Boylston. Books have been received from the commission.

Braintree. The entire library is being reaccessioned, and work on the catalogue is nearing completion.

Bridgewater. The library is indebted to Mrs. Susan A. Goodrich for $1,900. A much-needed children's room, established in the basement under the reading room, has proved very successful. A meeting of the Old Colony Library Club was held here on March 27.

Brimfield. Exhibits of school work, local products and a collection of Indian relics found in the town have been held. The library has also been opened for hospitality on town meeting days and other days of special interest, including the entire week of the Extension School of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Books have been received from the commission.

Brockton. The new Carnegie Library was dedicated June 10. The building is of a renaissance design, costing $110,000. Room is provided for 100,000 volumes. The Massachusetts Library Club meeting was held here on October 23.

Brookfield. Two books of fiction are now allowed on each card, and the number of non-fiction allowed for study is practically unlimited. Last November the library invited all who were interested to meet at the library to form a reading club, and some of the newer biographies were read in this way. Three public lectures have been given under the direction of the library.

Brookline. A branch reading room was established at Coolidge Corner Dec. 1, 1912, in place of the deposit station at Hayman's drug store. Current magazines and a large deposit of books from the main library are delivered daily. The experiment has been tried of opening a reading room in the Sewall district for five months, with money contributed by the committee of the Brookline Educational Society.

Buckland. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Burlington. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Cambridge. New registration of card holders is being made after a period of six years. A story hour conducted on Saturday afternoons, first by a volunteer worker and later by the children's librarian, has met with marked success. About 10,000

duplicate cards for books in the special collection have been filed in the main catalogue.

Canton. A committee of nine has been appointed to take complete charge of the erection of a public library building, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a gift of $10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation.

Carver. A new town hall is under construction, and when completed the public library will occupy half the main floor.

Charlemont. The annual gift of the bound volumes of the Century and Harper's magazines has been received from Mr. W. H. Maxwell, together with an eleven-volume edition of Wiley & Rines' "History of the United States." An Italian traveling library has been loaned by the Free Public Library Commission.

Chelmsford. With the exception of seven-day books, any reasonable number may now be drawn on one card.

North Chelmsford. Borrowers over fourteen years of age are allowed to draw an unlimited number of books on one card.

Chelsea. Col. George W. Moses, in behalf of the late Benjamin F. Dodge, has presented to the library a complete set of Chelsea directories and city reports dating back to 1848. A copy of Titian's "Madonna with the Child" has been received from Miss Laura Lee. The first number of a quarterly bulletin containing a list of the books added during the three previous months was issued in October.

Cheshire. Books for the use of the Reading Club have been borrowed from the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, Mass.

Chester. Books have been received from the commission.

Chesterfield. Books have been received from the commission.

Chicopee. The new library building was completed and opened to the public on May 31, 1913.

Chilmark. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

Clarksburg. Books have been received from the commission.

Clinton. A great deal of reference work, especially with the schools and the Woman's Club, has been accomplished. More than 6,000 feet of steel shelves have been added to the stacks.

Cohasset. *Nantasket.* Books have been donated by several friends.

Colrain. Books have been received from the commission. With the assistance of the Free Public Library Commission the card catalogue has been completed to date.

Concord. The work of reclassifying the library has been continued.

Conway. Instruction in the use of the catalogue and reference books has been given to small groups of school children.

Cummington. Books have been received from the commission.

Dalton. Beginning April 14, 1913, the library has been open from 3 to 9 P.M. daily, Sundays and holidays excepted. In the room formerly used as a museum, and in which a small collection of curios still remains, oak cases have been placed and all reference books put in there, making a quiet and pleasant room for study. A meeting of the Berkshire Library Club was held here on February 18.

Danvers. Work with the schools has been enlarged and two delivery stations have been established. A large increase in the circulation of the non-fiction has resulted from the sending of postals, calling attention to works in which the recipients were found to be interested.

Dartmouth. *North Dartmouth.* Two books at a time are now allowed each borrower. The new building has been occupied since February.

South Dartmouth. Books have been received from Mrs. S. B. Griffin, Mr. H. H. Wetherspoon, Mrs. O. Prescott and Mr. Henry H. Crafts.

Dennis. The library has been catalogued with the aid of the commission.

Dover. The library has been moved into more commodious quarters, and the much needed increase in room is greatly appreciated.

Dunstable. Books suited to the different grades have been deposited in the schools. Several volumes written by Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, together with her biography, have been presented by her husband, Prof. Robert H. Richards. Four books on art have been received from the commission.

Duxbury. Interesting and valuable books, a map and a picture have been received.

East Bridgewater. Book deposits have been placed in several of the schools. The library is now opened at 1 o'clock on Friday to accommodate the high school. The circulation, reference and school work have all shown a decided increase. Autographic portraits of the Massachusetts Senate, 1857, have been received from Mr. Nelson B. Smith. The age limit has been abolished. Special privileges are allowed teachers.

Eastham. An unlimited number of books may now be taken out

on one card. Books have been received from the commission. Lectures on agriculture, given under the auspices of the library, resulted in a most successful agricultural fair.

Easthampton. The library is being used and appreciated by the foreign population.

Easton. A great deal of reference work has been done with the high and grammar school grades.

Erving. Books have been received from the commission, from Mr. A. A. Ballou and Mrs. M. J. Manger.

Fairhaven. A revision of subject headings throughout the catalogue has been begun.

Fall River. The following exhibits have been held: Massachusetts State Board of Health; Hygiene of Occupations; Boston Board of Health; Child Hygiene and Hospital and Tenement Sanitation; Boston Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis Exhibit; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Technical Side of Hygiene and Sanitation.

Falmouth. *Woods Hole.* A trust fund has been established by Mr. J. S. Fay, Jr., in memory of Alanson Tucker of Boston, Harvard College, Class of 1872, the income from this fund to be used for the purchase of books. Visitors are now permitted to borrow books. The library has been catalogued and classified under the direction of the commission.

Fitchburg. The age limit for borrowers has been lowered from ten to eight years. All repair work is now done in the building, a small room having been fitted up as a bindery.

Florida. An Italian traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Foxborough. The library of the local high school, consisting of a small but valuable collection of books on literature, history, science, etc., was loaned to the library during the summer vacation of the school.

Franklin. A meeting of the Southern Worcester Library Club was held here October 28.

Freetown. Books have been received from the commission.

East Freetown. Books have been received from the commission.

Gardner. The work of the library the past year has been handicapped by the long illness and death of the librarian, Miss Jennie L. Knight. Miss Callahan has been chosen to fill the vacancy. During the past year a start has been made on the work of cataloguing the pamphlets. A new branch was opened

at South Gardner on June 16. Two Polish traveling libraries have been received, one from the commission and one from the Woman's Education Association.

Gay Head. Borrower's cards have been introduced. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission and from Mr. Lawrence B. Greenwood.

Georgetown. Electric lights have been installed. A Polish traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Gill. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission. Special effort has been made this year to interest the young people in reading good books. Games, played in a room adjoining the library, have proved a great success and do not interfere with the work of the library.

Gloucester. A new fireproof addition for a stack room is in process of construction.

Grafton. Five charitable and social societies have given $40 to be spent for children's books, these books to be circulated among the factory children in the south part of the town. Age limit has been lowered from ten to nine years, and the number of books of non-fiction allowed on one card is unlimited. An attempt is being made to collect and place on file in the library the history of every old house in town.

Granby. Books have been received from the commission. Two delivery stations were established for children during the summer.

Granville. Books have been received from the commission.

Great Barrington. The new Mason library was dedicated June 24. The building is the gift of the late Mrs. Mary A. Mason, a resident of the town, who left a legacy of $50,000 for a building to be erected in memory of her husband, the late Capt. Henry Hobart Mason, to be called the Mason Library. The library is being recatalogued.

Housatonic. A French traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Greenfield. The increase in circulation was 6 per cent. over the preceding year. Steady progress has been made in the work with the schools.

Greenwich. Deposits have been made in the schools. Books have been received from the commission.

Groton. Under the auspices of the library a lecture has been given by Mr. Edwin H. Higley of Groton school entitled, "The Historical Method."

Groveland. *South Groveland.* A school deposit has been started and the work with the schools has increased.

Halifax. Books have been received from the commission.

Hamilton. The branch library at the Horace E. Andrews drug store has been discontinued. Supplies have been received from the commission.

Hampden. Books have been received from the commission, Miss Ellen M. Beebe and Mr. William H. Chaffee. Books have been borrowed from the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Hanson. The sum of $100 has been received by the will of Mrs. S. Elsie White, the income to be used for the purchase of books.

Hardwick. An unlimited number of books is now allowed each borrower.

Gilbertville. The new library building, the gift of Col. Edward H. Gilbert, has been completed during the past year. In addition to stack and reference rooms the building contains two reading rooms, one for adults and one for children, both of which are well patronized. Two books are now allowed each borrower, only one of which may be fiction. Supplies have been received from the commission.

Harwich. *West Harwich.* Gifts from summer visitors amounting to $225 have been received.

Haverhill. Books for business men have been added to the Washington Square branch, and it is planned to make this especially the business man's branch. Many volumes were added at Christmas to the reference collection of standard children's books in good editions. A large collection of German and English lithographs have been made available for school use. A small exhibit illustrating shoemaking — the local industry — was added to the museum. Window advertising has been tried at the Washington Square branch, pictures and books being displayed. Many of the books were taken out by people who noticed them in passing, and they often expressed surprise to find books on such practical subjects in the library. The library had an exhibition at the State Conference of Charities held in Haverhill. The most important exhibit at the main library was a collection of books, pictures and articles of customary domestic use, together with souvenirs illustrating life and art in China.

Hingham. The library has been recatalogued and many new and valuable books added. There have been 1,315 volumes received

from the estate of the late Mary R. Whiting. The sum of $200 for the purchase of books has been received from the estate of Olive Hobart, and a gift of $1,000 from Mr. Wallace Corthell.

Hinsdale. The library is now open on Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M. Magazines are now circulated and library books are loaned to the schools.

Holden. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Damon Memorial and the Gale Free Library was celebrated August 29.

Holland. During the winter months the library was opened for an hour Sunday noon. It was patronized by so few that this experiment has been discontinued. Books have been received from the commission.

Holliston. In addition to the former hours, the library is now open Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 9.

Holyoke. Pictures, prints and a map, all of local historical interest, have been presented by Mr. Edward G. Miner.

Hopedale. Mrs. Howard W. Bracken has given to the Bancroft Memorial Library $1,000, to be known as the Sarah M. Whipple fund, the interest to be expended annually for children's books. Through the generosity of Miss Anna M. Bancroft a thermostat and two new electric light fixtures have been installed.

Hubbardston. Each borrower is now entitled to two books at one time. The library has been catalogued and classified with the assistance of the commission.

Hudson. The library is now open from 2 to 8 P.M. daily, except Saturday, when it is open from 2 to 9 P.M., and Sunday, from 1 to 4 P.M. A form of the Newark charging system has been adopted. An "at home day" has been held at frequent intervals for the benefit of the smaller libraries in the surrounding towns.

Hull. Supplies have been received from the commission.

Huntington. The library has been reorganized with the aid of the Free Public Library Commission. Books have been received from the commission.

Ipswich. Work with the Greeks has been most encouraging the past year.

Kingston. The teachers of the high and grammar school grades have shown much interest in the library.

Lakeville. A Carnegie Library is in process of building on a site given to the town, money having been donated by the Carnegie Corporation.

Lancaster. A deposit station has been started at Deershorns. Two hundred and fifty books are kept there, and it is open Saturday afternoons.

Lanesborough. The sum of $15,000 has been given to the town by the late Jedediah Newton for a town hall and library.

Lee. The library is now open every evening from 7.30 to 9.

Leicester. Miss Mary D. Thurston has been chosen librarian to succeed Miss Kane, who resigned to accept a position in the Somerville library. Teachers in the public schools are allowed to keep books in the schoolroom for one term. The sum of $3,000 has been received from the Lory S. Watson estate, to be used for general library purposes. A gift of 100 volumes has been received from Mr. W. C. Smith.

Leominster. The museum has been rearranged and classified. Lectures on the use of the reference room have been given to the industrial school. Lectures have also been given in connection with the study of town history in the schools, articles from the museum collection being used in illustration. The picture collection has been remounted and now includes representations of famous places, of industries and history. The age limit in the adult department has been reduced from fourteen to twelve years.

Leverett. Books and supplies have been received from the commission.

Lexington. Important reference work has been done with college students and with pupils of the high and grammar schools. The library is an active factor, both in furnishing material to supplement school work and in assisting pupils to use the library intelligently.

Leyden. The sum of $1,000 has been received from Mr. James Robertson for a new library building, and the work on this building has been started. Books have been received from the Woman's Education Association and from the commission. Special privileges are now granted to teachers.

Lincoln. An Italian traveling library has been loaned by the commission. Borrowers living at a distance have been granted an extension of time limit.

Longmeadow. A new heating plant has been installed. The library grounds have been used at stated intervals for social gatherings. There being many acres of land in connection with the library property, a portion has been set off for an athletic field for the boys of the town, and the Tennis Club has been granted land for its courts.

Lowell. A new delivery station was started in January.

Ludlow. The library is being classified. A Polish traveling library has been loaned by the Free Public Library Commission.

Lunenburg. Gifts of books and articles for the historical room have been received. Because of the nearness of the high school, the library is of special value to high school students.

Lynn. The library has received by the bequest of Mrs. Ellen M. Nutting a fund of $3,079.93 with interest, and from Mrs. Lucy Rhodes Allen a bequest of $1,000. By the will of the late Joseph N. Smith the library is to receive $10,000. Discarded books have been sent to the contagious hospital and vacation schools. Numerous exhibits have been held, including one of arts and handicrafts lent by residents of foreign birth. The age limit has been abolished. Saturday morning story-hours were held during the summer months under the auspices of the library and the primary grade school teachers.

Manchester. Beginning October 1 the fine for overdue books was changed from 5 cents a week to 1 cent a day. The library is now open from 2 to 5 o'clock every afternoon, Sundays and holidays excepted, and Saturday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30.

Marblehead. Many summer visitors availed themselves of the privileges of the library.

Marlborough. An Italian traveling library has been loaned by the Free Public Library Commission.

Marshfield Hills. Money was raised during the summer by various entertainments.

Mashpee. Books have been received from the commission.

Mattapoisett. Two books, only one of which may be fiction, may be drawn on one card.

Maynard. In addition to the former hours, the library is now open every Monday evening from 6.30 to 9.

Medford. A meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club was held here on January 24. The trustees voted to install a radioptican for the purpose of enticing children from sensational moving-picture shows. Lists of books for vacation reading were sent to the schools in June, and in September the names of children who had read several of the books were posted in the library.

Medway. A meeting of the Southern Worcester Library Club was held here on June 3.

Melrose. The work of reorganizing has been completed, and the Newark charging system has been installed. Four books are allowed on each card during the summer months. The Mary A. Livermore Library of Sacred Art was opened the 27th of

March. This collection contains from 2,000 to 3,000 photographs of art treasures from the European countries and the United States.

Merrimac. Borrowers are now allowed access to the shelves upon application to the librarian.

Middlefield. Seven school deposits have been established, and books have been received from the commission.

Middleton. An increased number of books for study and reference are allowed to each borrower.

Milford. In addition to the former hours, the library is now open from 2 to 5 P.M. on Mondays.

Millbury. A weekly story-hour for the children is held in the library under the auspices of the Millbury Woman's Club. Through the courtesy of this same club the library will be open to the public for reading on Sunday afternoons throughout the winter. Italian and French traveling libraries have been loaned by the commission.

Milton. All books of non-fiction, except recent additions and children's books, are issued for four weeks. A bequest of $1,000 has been received from the late Mrs. Amour L. Hollingsworth. A collection of about 200 etchings, given anonymously, has been received.

Monroe. Books have been received from the commission.

Montague. A French traveling library has been borrowed from the commission.

Turners Falls. Vacation reading for children proved to be a successful innovation.

Monterey. Books have been received from the commission. Four magazines have proved a desirable addition.

Montgomery. Books have been received from the commission.

Nahant. Rooms formerly occupied by town offices in the library building have been remodeled and are to be used as a children's reading room.

Nantucket. Books have been received from many sources.

New Ashford. Books have been received from the commission.

New Bedford. The reading room is now open on all holidays from 2 to 9 P.M. A bust of Louisa Alcott has been placed in the children's room. Plans are under way for a municipal reference library.

New Braintree. Books have been received from the commission.

New Marlborough. Books have been received from the commission.

New Salem. The sum of $25 has been received from friends. The library has been moved from the town hall to new quarters.

The entire system has been reorganized and the work of recataloguing is nearly completed. Books have been received from the commission.

Newburyport. In addition to the former hours, the library is now open from 8 to 9 P.M. on Saturdays.

Newton. A new branch was opened at Waban, Jan. 1, 1912. The extension, repair, refitting and general relocation of departments of the main library, at a cost of over $40,000, are under way. A new fireproof extension is about completed and will be used as a stack room. This gives ample storage room for many years to come and entirely relieves the library from a most distressing congestion. Girls' and boys' clubs supervised by the assistant librarians have been very active, both at the main library and at the Thompsonville branch.

North Adams. A meeting of the Berkshire Library Club was held here on March 14. The high school, normal school and 8th grade pupils have been given instruction in the use of the library. Books for foreigners have been advertised through the evening schools.

North Andover. The "Book of Knowledge" in 20 volumes has been presented to the library by Mrs. John F. Tyler. Thirty-five volumes for the children's room have been received from Mr. Nathaniel Stevens.

North Attleborough. Teachers are now allowed special privileges in borrowing books.

North Reading. The library is now open from 3 to 9 P.M., Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Northampton. The duplicate pay collection of fiction, in operation since the fall of 1907, has proved entirely successful, and is a great aid in purchasing the latest fiction.

Forbes Library. The staff and general work of the library have been reorganized. Extensive minor improvements have been made throughout the building.

Northborough. School children are encouraged to use the library and urged to visit it whenever there is a loan of exhibition pictures.

Northbridge. The new Whitinsville Social Library was opened for the distribution of books on June 12. A French traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Northfield. A delivery station has been established in a schoolhouse three miles from the library, and is open for the distribution of books on Sunday afternoons.

Northfield Farms. A fund of $1,000 for a library was left in 1882 by Mr. Roswell Field. The library was started in 1884 in a private house. About 1895 a building was erected by the Ladies' Benevolent Society at a cost of $1,100. About 1893 another fund was left, amounting at the present time to $1,360. This is called the Simeon A. Field fund. With the addition of two other small funds the library now has the income from about $3,000.

Oakham. Supplies have been received from the commission. Free access to the stacks is now permitted.

Orange. The Wheeler Memorial Library, now in the process of building, is to be completed about the end of the year.

Palmer. Three branches and three school deposits have been established. The library has been catalogued and the circulation increased about 25 per cent. A Polish library has been loaned by the commission, and a French traveling library has been loaned by the commission to Three Rivers.

Paxton. Books have been received from Mrs. E. R. Lombard and from the commission.

Peabody. At the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, the books most in demand the past year have been those on art, genealogy and historic costumes.

Pelham. Books have been received from the commission, and a gift of 40 volumes has been received from Mrs. A. D. Morse.

Pembroke. The West Duxbury Library Association has disbanded, and a gift of 170 volumes has been received from them. Books have also been received from the commission.

Bryantville. Three books may now be drawn on one card. The circulation shows a steady increase over that of last year, and much active work has been accomplished with the schools. An Italian traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Peru. Books have been received from the commission.

Petersham. A delivery station has been established in the southern part of the town.

Pittsfield. The Berkshire Athenæum has received numerous gifts for the museum. Alterations have been made in the library building and a children's room added. The reading room hours have been extended; in addition to the former hours the room is now open from 8 to 10 P.M. week-days, and on Sundays, from November 1 to May 1, from 2 to 6 P.M.

Plainfield. Books have been received from the commission. Mrs.

Martha E. Smith, the librarian, has a distributing station at her house, about two and one-half miles from the library, and delivers books en route.

Plainville. Books have been received from the commission.

Plymouth. A bequest of $2,000 has been received from Mr. Isaac M. Jackson, and $50 from Miss Mary Pratt.

Manomet. The Manomet Library Association was incorporated the past year. The library is in a room in the schoolhouse loaned by the school committee for library purposes. Through the efforts of the association the room has been fitted up with electric lights and library furniture, and is well stocked with books and magazines. In October, with assistance from the commission, the library, consisting of about 550 volumes, was classified and catalogued, and was opened to the public on December 6. The sum of $50 has been received from Mrs. Alice P. Getman. Books and articles of furniture have been donated by friends.

Plympton. The new "International Encyclopædia" in 22 volumes and "The New America in the Far East" in 10 volumes have been received from Messrs. George B. and M. Abbot Fraser. Books have been received from the commission.

Prescott. Books have been received from the commission.

Princeton. Books on agriculture have been borrowed from the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Provincetown. An unlimited number of books for study may now be drawn on one card.

Quincy. A reflectorscope has been presented by the Quincy Women's Club.

Randolph. A new room has been opened as a magazine and music department.

Reading. A gift of 235 volumes has been received from the library of the late Gen. S. C. Lawrence, through the kindness of the Medford Public Library.

Revere. Good work is being done in co-operation with the schools. Classes with their teachers have made visits to the library, where they have been instructed in reference work, methods of cataloguing and magazine selection. Lists of references pertaining to holidays have been prepared and distributed to the schools as an aid in English composition. Lists of books suitable for children's reading, classified by grade, have been sent to the teachers.

Richmond. Books have been received from the commission.

Rowe. An annual concert for the benefit of the library is given by summer visitors and friends. The library is now open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2.30 to 8.30 P.M., and during July, August and September, Thursdays from 2.30 to 5.30 P.M.

Rowley. Books have been received from Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno.

Royalston. Gifts of $30 from Miss Edith Ely and $5 from Mrs. Adah Goddard have been received for periodicals.

Salem. The new south branch building was opened on April 12, with about 2,500 volumes.

Salisbury. A site for a library building has been purchased for $2,000, and a fund has been started for building purposes.

Sandisfield. The library is to receive the use of $500 as a gift from Mr. Jarvis Weits. Books have been received from the commission.

Saugus. Firearms and other articles of historic interest used in the civil war have been received from Mr. E. S. Upham.

Scituate. A book-mending demonstration was given in October under the direction of the commission by Miss Ruby Tillinghast.

Sharon. A duplicate pay collection, started in August, has proved very successful. It is self-supporting and supplies nearly all the fiction for the library. Partly because of this help, the library has been able to buy a much larger proportion of reference and scientific books.

Sheffield. The high and grammar schools have been supplied with books. There has been a large increase in circulation consequent upon the fact that since the classification of the library patrons have been allowed access to the shelves.

Shelburne Falls. A gift of $25,000 has been received from Mr. Francis Pratt of Greenfield, to be used for a library building as a memorial to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Pratt.

Shirley. Additional magazines have been circulated, and very liberal arrangements for educational work, both with schools and other organizations, have been made.

Shrewsbury. One of the two deposit stations established in private houses has been discontinued. Reference work has been done with the school children and the clubs. Mr. William D. Pierce has made the Free Public Library his residuary legatee, the amount received being $4,291.34. The library is now open from 3 to 9 P.M., Wednesdays and Saturdays, and from 6 to 9 P.M. other days, except Sundays and holidays.

Somerset. A shelf list and subject index for the catalogue have been made.

Somerville. The Central Library building, costing $125,000, was dedicated on December 17. The sum of $80,000 was donated by Mr. Carnegie, and the city paid $45,000 as the value of the old building. Other activities of the year have been the recataloguing of 20,000 volumes; further improvement of branch and interchange system; development of civil service scheme and staff and apprentice instruction; reorganization of children's and school library department.

South Hadley Falls. Two pictures and 50 volumes have been presented to the library in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davenport.

Southborough. Pictures have been received from the Grange and the Woman's Club, and several gifts of books have been donated.

Southbridge. The vacation privilege of keeping two fiction and several non-fiction for the summer is now granted. Short lists of books on special subjects have been sent to local papers each week.

Southwick. A meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Club was held here October 10. Books have been received from the commission. The library is now open eleven hours a week instead of five, as formerly. Mr. W. B. Harding has resigned his position as librarian, and Mrs. C. G. Stone has been chosen to fill the vacancy.

Spencer. Books on agriculture have been borrowed from the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The story-hour has been well attended. A French traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Springfield. An admirable site, centrally located, has been obtained for the Memorial Square branch through the subscriptions of citizens, and work on the building was begun in October, 1913. Additional deposits have been placed in fire stations, various stores and factories. The sum of $250 has been subscribed by dentists for the benefit of the dental department, and unrestricted bequests have been received amounting to $12,000. More than 24,000 pictures and plates have been borrowed from the picture collection. There have been 25,000 books furnished to the school classrooms. Systematic instruction in the use of the library has been given at the library to all 9th grade pupils, and an especially valuable

system of instruction for pupils of the high schools was worked out in co-operation with the teachers.

Stockbridge. After a service of thirty-one years as librarian, Miss Caroline P. Wells has resigned. Miss Agnes Goodwin, assistant librarian, has been appointed to fill the vacancy temporarily.

Stoneham. The Browne charging system has been installed. Instruction in the use of reference books has been given to students in the 9th and 10th grades. The library has co-operated with the Camp Fire Girls. A story-hour was conducted during the summer by a volunteer story-teller. Weekly notes on library matters have been sent to the local paper.

Stoughton. Mr. Wales French has been elected librarian to fill the unexpired term of Miss M. Alice Burnham, deceased.

Sudbury. A branch was established at North Sudbury in September. A gift of $10, to be spent for the purchase of Italian books, has been received from Mr. Bremer. An Italian traveling library has been loaned by the commission. Periodicals for the Center branch have been purchased with money contributed by Mrs. John L. Bremer and others.

Sutton. Through the generosity of Mr. Edwin Marble the library is to receive the income of $1,000 for the purchase of books.

Swansea. An additional gift of $1,500 to the Frank S. Stevens fund has been received from Mrs. Elizabeth R. Stevens.

Taunton. Books have been received from Mr. Ernest Hayward. Effort has been made to provide supplementary reading for the schools. Exhibits of the Library Art Club have been of considerable value in increasing the use of books on art, and an exhibit of paintings by a local artist formed an important attraction. A few lectures have proved of interest to many.

Tewksbury. In addition to the former hours, the library is now open Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.30 P.M.

Tisbury. A gift of books has been received from Dr. W. H. Winslow, also a magazine subscription and money from friends. A course of lectures given under the auspices of the Vineyard Haven Library has proved popular and self-supporting.

Tolland. Books have been received from the commission.

Townsend. A copy of the life and works of Winslow Homer has been presented to the library by Mrs. C. S. Homer. A German traveling library has been loaned by the commission. Stacks for children's books have been placed in the reading room.

Truro. The sum of $50 has been presented to the library by Mrs. Isaac Lombard. Books have been received from the commission. The same library privileges allowed to residents are now granted to visitors.

Tyngsborough. Books have been received from the commission.

Tyringham. Teachers are now allowed to draw an unlimited number of books for a month at a time. A gift of $10 has been received from Mrs. Banyer Clarkson.

Uxbridge. The Browne charging system has been installed. A summer reading course, given for the children, was completed by 32. A French traveling library has been loaned by the commission.

Wakefield. A gift of 200 volumes has been received from Mr. George L. Wakefield. Forty books, for children of the 1st grade, were added in September and have been in constant circulation.

Wales. With the assistance of the commission the library has been classified and catalogued. Books have been received from the commission.

Waltham. A bequest of $5,000 has been received from the estate of the late Lowell Clark, the income to be spent for the purchase of books. A useful pamphlet collection has been developed. Systematic instruction in the use of the library has been given to the 9th grade and first-year high school pupils. Children's books recommended by the library have been sold by the local stores with considerable success. There has been a 10 per cent. increase in circulation.

Ware. Books to the value of $25 have been received from a local Polish society. Slides have been borrowed from the Worcester Art Museum for illustrated lectures. Natural history has been taught by having flowers and growing plants in the library.

Wareham. On April 26 the library was moved to the ground floor of the Red Men's Building.

Warwick. Books have been received from the commission. A delivery station has been established and a school deposit is maintained at the schoolhouse in the same district.

Washington. Books have been received from the commission.

Watertown. A deposit station has been established in East Watertown.

Webster. Thirty-three books have been given by different people. Specimens of notes, issued by the Confederate States of America for exhibition purposes, have been received from the United

States Treasury Department at Washington. The library committee of the Village Improvement Society has started a collection of materials for preserving local history.

Wellesley. The Book Exchange and Reading Room started by the Wellesley Woman's Club last year has been taken over as a branch of the Wellesley Library.

Wendell. Books have been received from Mr. George Kent, the late Francis Blake and the commission.

Wenham. Numerous books and magazines have been given to the library. Supplies have been received from the commission.

West Brookfield. Books have been received from the commission.

West Boylston. All books, except new fiction, are now loaned for a period of three weeks. Books have been received from the commission. A meeting of the Bay Path Library Club was held here October 2.

West Newbury. Two books may now be drawn on one card.

West Springfield. About 50 books from the town library have been placed in the English room of the high school in order to encourage an interest in outside reading among the pupils.

West Stockbridge. Books have been received from the commission. The school children, under the direction of the drawing teacher, do helpful work in the library.

West Tisbury. Gifts of books and money have been received from various sources. Antiques have also been donated for the historical rooms. Books have been borrowed from the Woman's Education Association. The Parent and Teachers Association and others have used the library for social gatherings.

Westborough. The sum of $20,000 has been received from Mr. George M. Smalley, the income to be used for the support of the library. Mr. Levi Holbrook has presented the "Encyclopædia Britannica" to the library. The sum of $25 has been received from Mr. Everett Smith to be spent for the purchase of Boy Scout books. The registration has been completely revised. Semi-annual bulletins are now issued containing a classified list of all books added. The fiction circulation has been lowered more than 2 per cent.

Westfield. A portrait of Mr. Charles A. Jessup has been presented to the Athenæum by his grandson, Rev. C. A. Jessup, D.D. Special attention has been paid to the work with children, and the story-hour, tried for the first time this year, has met with marked success. The catalogue has been carefully revised. Lists of books have been distributed among the foreign popula-

tion to help them in the use of the library. A bulletin, containing lists of books added, with frequent descriptive notes, occasional reference notes and facts of general interest concerning the library, is now issued monthly.

Westhampton. Books have been received from the commission.

Westminster. Electric lights have been installed. The age limit has been lowered from twelve years to ten. A large revolving bookcase, containing new books and selections from the stack room, has been placed in the delivery room.

Weston. A new branch has been established at Kendal Green, and about 200 books are kept on deposit. There is a weekly delivery from the main library, and 11 magazines are circulated.

Westport Point. In addition to the former hours, the library is now open Saturday, from 2.30 to 5 P.M., and games, a story-hour and the use of a Victrola are provided for the children.

Westwood. Increased stack room has been provided for 1,500 volumes. The circulation has increased, and more frequent changes of books are provided for the Islington branch.

Weymouth. A gift of 400 volumes, together with the income from $1,000, has been received from Mr. C. H. Tirrell in memory of his father, Dr. Norton Quincy Tirrell.

Whitman. The library is being recatalogued. The schools use the library extensively for reference and research work. A gift of books has been received in memory of a former resident.

Wilbraham. The Cutler Memorial Library was dedicated June 19. The building is a two-story residence, remodeled for library purposes, and is the gift of the late Mr. Henry Cutler.

Williamstown. The library has been reclassified.

Wilmington. Electric lights have been installed.

Winchendon. The Beals Memorial Library was dedicated October 30. The total cost was $45,000; $25,000 and the site being a gift of Mr. Charles L. Beals. Gifts of books to the amount of $67 have been received.

Winchester. The completion of the reclassification of the library according to the Dewey system, the rearranging of the classes in numerical sequence, and the changing of the numbers in the card catalogue constituted the special activities of the entire library force during the past year.

Windsor. Books have been received from the commission.

Winthrop. Books have been received from the commission, and from the private libraries of Mr. Daniel Floyd and Mr. Fred

Seavey. Any child able to write with pen and ink is now allowed to become a borrower.

Worcester. Three branch libraries are in the process of building. About 1,700 volumes have been received from the library of the late Mr. Lewis W. Hammond. The picture collection has been largely increased. Much extension work has been done through 23 deposit stations at factories, engine-houses, homes for the aged and other institutions. Eight window boxes have been successfully installed. Practically continuous art exhibitions of photographs have been held. There has been increased co-operation with local libraries in matters of book purchase.

Worthington. There have been 110 volumes received from Mr. James H. Collins.

Yarmouth (South). New bookstacks have been added.

Appendix II

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the management of the libraries: —

Class 1

Towns which have Libraries owned and controlled by the Town and Free for Circulation to All the People.

Abington	Brimfield	Dighton
Acushnet	Brockton	Douglas
Adams	Brookfield	Dover
Agawam	Brookline	Dracut
Alford	Buckland	Dudley
Amesbury	Burlington	Dunstable
Andover	Cambridge	East Bridgewater
Arlington	Canton	Eastham
Ashburnham	Carlisle	East Longmeadow
Ashby	Carver	Edgartown
Ashland	Charlemont	Egremont
Athol	Charlton	Erving
Attleborough	Chelmsford	Essex
Auburn	Chelsea	Everett
Avon	Chester	Fall River
Bellingham	Chesterfield	Falmouth
Belmont	Chicopee	Fitchburg
Berkley	Chilmark	Florida
Berlin	Clarksburg	Foxborough
Beverly	Clinton	Framingham
Blackstone	Cohasset	Freetown
Blandford	Colrain	Gay Head
Bolton	Dalton	Gill
Boston	Dana	Goshen
Bourne	Dartmouth	Gosnold
Boxborough	Dedham	Granby
Boylston	Deerfield	Granville
Bridgewater	Dennis	Greenfield

Greenwich
Groton
Groveland
Hadley
Halifax
Hamilton
Hampden
Hancock
Hanover
Hanson
Hardwick
Harvard
Harwich
Hatfield
Hawley
Heath
Holbrook
Holden
Holland
Holliston
Hopedale
Hubbardston
Hudson
Hull
Huntington
Kingston
Lakeville
Lancaster
Lanesborough
Leicester
Leominster
Leverett
Leyden
Lowell
Ludlow
Lunenburg
Lynn
Lynnfield
Manchester
Mansfield
Marblehead
Marlborough
Marshfield
Mashpee
Mattapoisett
Maynard
Medfield
Medford
Medway
Melrose
Mendon
Merrimac
Middleborough
Middlefield
Middleton
Milford
Millbury
Millis
Milton
Monroe
Montague
Monterey
Montgomery
Mount Washington
Nahant
Natick
Needham
New Ashford
New Bedford
New Braintree
Newburyport
New Marlborough
New Salem
Newton
Norfolk
North Adams
Northampton
North Attleborough
Northborough
North Brookfield
Northfield
North Reading
Norwood
Oakham
Orange
Orleans
Otis
Oxford
Paxton
Peabody
Pelham
Pepperell
Peru
Phillipston
Plainfield
Plainville
Plympton
Prescott,
Provincetown
Quincy
Reading
Revere
Richmond
Rochester
Rockland
Rockport
Rowe
Rowley
Royalston
Russell
Rutland
Salisbury
Sandisfield
Sandwich
Saugus
Savoy
Seekonk
Sharon
Sheffield
Shelburne
Sherborn
Shirley
Shrewsbury
Shutesbury
Somerset
Somerville
Southampton
Southborough
Southbridge
South Hadley
Southwick
Spencer
Sterling
Stoneham
Stoughton
Stow
Sturbridge
Sudbury

Sunderland
Sutton
Swampscott
Swansea
Taunton
Templeton
Tewksbury
Tolland
Topsfield
Townsend
Truro
Tyngsborough
Tyringham
Upton
Uxbridge
Wakefield
Wales
Walpole
Waltham
Warwick
Washington
Watertown
Wayland
Webster
Wellesley
Wellfleet
Wendell
Wenham
Westborough
West Boylston
West Bridgewater
West Brookfield
Westford
Westminster
West Newbury
Weston
Westport
West Springfield
West Stockbridge
Westwood
Weymouth
Whately
Whitman
Wilbraham
Williamsburg
Williamstown
Wilmington
Winchendon
Winchester
Windsor
Winthrop
Worcester
Wrentham. — 275.

CLASS 2

Towns which have Free Libraries in which the Town has Some Representation in the Management

Acton
Ayer
Barre
Bedford
Belchertown
Bernardston
Boxford
Braintree
Concord
Cummington
Danvers
Easthampton
Enfield
Franklin
Gardner
Georgetown
Grafton
Haverhill
Hinsdale
Holyoke
Lawrence
Lexington
Lincoln
Littleton
Longmeadow
Malden
Methuen
Norton
Palmer
Pembroke
Petersham
Pittsfield
Randolph
Salem
Springfield
Stockbridge
Warren
Westfield
Woburn. — 39.

CLASS 3

Towns in which there are Free Libraries to which the Town appropriates Money, but is not represented in the Management

Amherst
Ashfield
Becket
Brewster
Chatham
Cheshire
Duxbury
Great Barrington
Lee
Lenox
Marion
Monson
Nantucket
North Andover
Northbridge

Norwell	Raynham	Wareham
Oak Bluffs	Scituate	Westhampton
Plymouth	Tisbury	West Tisbury
Princeton	Ware	Yarmouth. — 27.

CLASS 4

Towns in which there are Free Libraries which have no Connection with the Town

Barnstable	Fairhaven	Ipswich
Billerica	Gloucester	Rehoboth
Conway	Hingham	Worthington. — 11.
Easton	Hopkinton	

CLASS 5

Towns which have the Free Use of Public Libraries in Other Places

Newbury . . . . . Newburyport Public Library. — 1.

Appendix III

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC

[Note. — In the following table of statistics the figures are generally taken from the reports compilation as accurate as possible, there are undoubtedly errors, due either

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
1	Abington	5,455	$3,508,763	$24 80	19,256	37,857
2	Acton	2,136	2,439,745	14 75	11,860	7,135
3	*West Acton*	–	–	–	1,600	–
4	Acushnet	1,692	1,098,280	22 00	3,833	6,181
5	Adams	13,026	6,527,163	20 40	17,360	40,899
6	Agawam	3,501	2,593,631	18 00	5,926	–
7	Alford	275	189,638	13 90	1,175	350
8	Amesbury	9,894	6,566,676	19 80	14,467	41,065
9	Amherst	5,112	5,261,132	19 50	13,172	25,015
10	*North Amherst*	–	–	–	2,770	4,000
11	Andover	7,301	8,086,475	15 00	20,065	32,415
12	Arlington	11,187	14,769,210	22 60	26,189	49,140
13	Ashburnham	2,107	1,251,803	22 00	6,575	7,852
14	Ashby	885	620,438	16 50	4,700[1]	3,617
15	Ashfield	959	802,757	19 00	6,600	6,000
16	Ashland	1,682	1,500,305	20 00	8,225	9,958
17	Athol	8,536	5,856,540	23 40	10,155	33,699
18	Attleborough	16,215	20,316,193	18 20	15,551	58,188
19	Auburn	2,420	1,587,000	12 40	3,872[1]	6,054
20	Avon[2]	2,013	1,079,697	14 00	–	–
21	Ayer	2,797	2,319,622	19 70	11,000[1]	10,511
22	Barnstable	4,676	8,425,650	14 80	16,197	–
23	*Centerville*	–	–	–	2,066	3,297
24	*Cotuit*	–	–	–	4,970[1]	5,831
25	*Hyannis*	–	–	–	3,800	9,700
26	*Marston's Mills*	–	–	–	1,500[1]	2,100
27	*Osterville*	–	–	–	4,382	8,038
28	*West Barnstable*	–	–	–	1,600[1]	2,300

[1] Approximate.

APPENDIX III

LIBRARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

sent in by the various libraries. While the commission has earnestly endeavored to make this to a misunderstanding of the reports received or inaccuracy in their figures.]

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	$1,750 74	$134 15	$599 34	$645 00	$655 66	1
-	-	1	600 00	257 67	196 61	647 34	480 56	2
-	-	-	-	173 00	59 00	52 00	10 00	3
1	-	-	350 00	25 40	203 35	125 00	44 59	4
-	-	-	3,500 00	370 11	1,366 29	1,456 26	1,181 06	5
2	-	1	766 78	124 72	533 33	188 10	225 68	6
-	2	-	58 55	1 54	50 00	25 00	9 10	7
-	-	-	2,040 35	1,931 42	820 02	2,048 46	1,155 74	8
1	-	-	600 00	349 22	554 62	266 92	101 00	9
-	-	-	150 00	205 00	135 63	98 00	15 60	10
1	-	4	3,262 28	3,711 26	995 78	2,604 86	1,451 70	11
1	-	-	4,630 89	2,856 00	994 18	3,948 28	2,537 83	12
-	5	1	250 00	256 09	260 31	106 75	139 03	13
-	-	-	250 00	162 71	67 98	200 00	88 61	14
1	9	-	200 00	76 10	127 35	79 10	102 63	15
-	-	-	1,000 00	34 00	250 44	330 00	477 44	16
-	-	-	1,798 15	145 32	767 02	693 87	589 19	17
-	5	-	7,000 00	687 82	1,386 98	3,582 16	2,355 68	18
1	-	-	350 00	108 80	194 96	229 50	176 21	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
-	1	-	1,011 08	114 25	248 79	566 00	319 70	21
-	1	-	-	698 50	182 23	300 00	227 92	22
-	-	-	-	204 15	52 91	75 00	56 65	23
-	1	-	-	1,147 27	50 00	454 55	262 21	24
-	-	-	-	311 87	47 56	130 00	180 09	25
-	-	-	-	66 73	26 65	24 00	17 63	26
1	-	-	-	470 94	99 65	303 90	96 60	27
-	2	-	-	81 34	59 14	26 00	13 58	28

[2] No returns received.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
29	Barre	2,957	$2,633,955	$17 00	12,071	15,055
30	Becket	959	642,960	16 50	2,257	1,387
31	Bedford	1,231	1,790,769	22 00	11,139	10,581
32	Belchertown	2,054	940,045	24 80	9,929	13,418
33	Bellingham	1,696	955,645	18 00	2,245	7,882
34	Belmont	5,542	8,243,720	20 50	14,732	28,845
35	Berkley	999	520,513	11 80	2,025	3,950
36	Berlin	904	623,265	12 50	2,911	4,201
37	Bernardston	741	553,411	15 30	8,886	13,237
38	Beverly	18,650	40,554,085	17 70	30,362	96,602
39	Billerica	2,789	3,464,503	18 80	5,366	6,850
40	Blackstone	5,648	2,422,425	20 40	8,710	8,190
41	Blandford	717	758,194	15 50	3,008	4,320
42	Bolton	764	678,970	16 00	4,976	6,022
43	Boston	670,585	1,520,974,526	17 20	1,049,011	1,744,878
44	Bourne	2,474	7,644,300	10 00	4,850	7,556
45	Boxborough	317	293,483	14 50	2,233	2,366
46	Boxford	718	1,536,215	7 50	3,514	–
47	*West Boxford*	–	–	–	2,435	1,415
48	Boylston	714	530,054	17 60	7,100	6,568
49	Braintree	8,066	8,739,496	20 40	17,772[1]	26,970
50	Brewster	631	813,065	6 00	7,000[1]	4,017
51	Bridgewater	7,688	3,857,880	20 50	16,905	35,102
52	Brimfield	866	618,264	13 00	7,000[1]	5,965
53	Brockton	56,878	50,522,437	21 00	62,781	207,059
54	Brookfield	2,204	1,364,087	21 50	19,029	20,590
55	Brookline	27,792	117,722,700	13 30	79,007	198,578
56	Buckland	1,573	1,420,026	16 00	3,550	2,450
57	Burlington	591	791,019	15 80	2,665	2,080[1]
58	Cambridge	104,839	121,132,290	20 40	99,676	298,049
59	Canton	4,797	6,358,080	17 80	16,568	32,416
60	Carlisle	551	497,920	17 50	3,760	3,946[1]
61	Carver	1,633	1,975,695	14 50	3,150	5,475
62	Charlemont	1,001	561,400	19 50	4,087	7,170
63	Charlton	2,032	1,297,323	13 30	5,183	3,741
64	Chatham[2]	1,564	1,343,040	15 00	–	–

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
2	–	–	$500 00	$109 40	$76 14	$591 66	$30 80	29
–	–	–	50 00	26 00	–	25 00	45 86	30
–	–	–	539 83	514 43	667 16	172 91	84 13	31
–	5	–	322 84	488 53	142 56	322 60	453 14	32
5	–	–	250 00	–	131 99	70 00	46 45	33
–	–	2	3,447 56	165 45	790 93	1,863 32	848 43	34
–	–	–	100 00	–	46 48	50 00	10 50	35
–	1	–	–	13 74	125 06	36 20	6 08	36
–	–	–	–	645 27	400 71	225 00	159 30	37
1	8	5	8,019 66	–	2,289 30	3,636 87	2,008 79	38
–	–	–	–	964 81	238 60	179 00	832 08	39
2	–	–	571 02	7 43	179 95	312 00	46 15	40
1	–	–	200 00	87 49	59 29	110 50	63 72	41
–	–	–	553 47	–	110 65	276 11	166 71	42
13	131	107	367,165 00	23,586 80	50,952 24	267,670 75	73,122 93	43
1	–	4	1,424 09	76 83	499 75	497 41	732 61	44
–	4	–	95 10	–	65 12	26 00	5 97	45
–	–	2	73 64	49 89	85 25	25 00	11 06	46
–	–	–	73 63	1 22	84 87	12 50	–	47
–	1	–	640 47	594 86	186 41	389 36	97 60	48
1	–	–	1,450 00	1,500 00	1,100 00	1,200 00	754 00	49
–	–	–	100 00	147 00	126 00	75 00	50 63	50
–	3	–	1,600 00	1,620 31	652 00	1,123 46	1,934 38	51
–	–	–	501 54	130 63	269 13	200 00	175 84	52
2	–	–	15,282 43	717 63	4,686 30	8,093 44	3,219 65	53
2	2	–	1,100 00	451 98	403 44	723 37	445 35	54
1	–	1	30,000 00	–	4,589 51	17,399 62	7,067 65	55
–	–	–	150 00	–	–	–	–	56
–	–	–	200 00	28 30	26 96	162 50	79 49	57
2	20	35	31,297 58	992 47	7,238 85	17,744 17	7,152 05	58
–	–	–	2,000 00	689 67	647 78	1,500 00	815 74	59
–	–	–	271 61	3 00	108 88	105 73	60 00	60
2	2	–	200 00	2 50	–	100 00	2 21	61
–	9	1	100 00	44 48	58 85	52 00	68 45	62
–	–	–	200 00	15 74	127 51	77 50	11 30	63
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	64

[2] No returns received.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
65	Chelmsford	5,010	$4,464,670	$16 00	10,500	15,348
66	*North Chelmsford*	–	–	–	6,489	11,654
67	Chelsea	32,452	28,670,580	21 80	13,918	87,171
68	Cheshire	1,508	836,960	18 25	6,154	10,542
69	Chester	1,377	835,562	23 00	2,987	7,000
70	*Chester Center*	–	–	–	800[1]	600[1]
71	Chesterfield	536	346,831	20 00	1,999	4,256
72	Chicopee	25,401	17,025,510	21 50	31,700	5,000
73	Chilmark	282	372,110	13 00	2,097	1,333
74	Clarksburg	1,207	288,152	23 00	407	950
75	Clinton	13,075	9,153,764	23 80	38,132	67,547
76	Cohasset	2,585	11,042,714	12 50	13,473	19,928
77	*Nantasket*	–	–	–	3,650	5,132
78	Colrain	1,741	792,065	19 00	3,170	7,256
79	Concord	6,421	8,801,155	15 60	41,252	37,637
80	Conway	1,230	825,989	17 00	8,812	13,222
81	Cummington	637	340,275	21 00	8,600[1]	1,081
82	Dalton	3,568	4,806,484	16 30	10,990	24,364
83	Dana	736	445,970	21 60	1,863	820
84	*North Dana*	–	–	–	–	–
85	Danvers	9,407	7,541,368	18 20	27,802	49,973
86	Dartmouth	4,378	5,019,325	16 00	2,744	2,300
87	*North Dartmouth*	–	–	–	1,680	2,000
88	*South Dartmouth*	–	–	–	7,500	5,180
89	Dedham	9,284	14,964,810	18 00	26,139[1]	59,374
90	Deerfield	2,209	2,472,568	14 80	3,137	2,575
91	*South Deerfield*	–	–	–	2,531	6,347
92	Dennis	1,919	1,362,785	19 50	2,065	1,114
93	*East Dennis*[2]	–	–	–	–	–
94	Dighton	2,235	1,372,203	16 60	2,892	9,057
95	Douglas	2,152	1,316,238	14 60	6,000	8,289
96	Dover	798	7,698,844	5 00	4,983	6,394
97	Dracut	3,461	2,520,021	27 60	3,000	11,725
98	Dudley	4,267	2,064,120	18 00	4,216	11,229
98a	*Conant Library*	–	–	–	5,000	1,709
99	Dunstable	408	429,127	12 50	3,091	1,606
100	Duxbury	1,688	4,410,391	10 50	7,250	9,571

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IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	1	$1,200 00	-	$530 46	$301 12	$347 93	65
-	-	-	600 00	$6 34	256 25	240 00	116 51	66
-	-	-	7,161 34	2,991 51	2,880 73	4,912 25	2,067 09	67
-	-	-	163 13	147 25	165 43	124 08	6 36	68
2	-	-	200 00	19 06	117 69	49 17	52 30	69
-	-	-	-	19 20[1]	1 92	-	-	70
1	5	-	124 16	-	53 84	25 00	4 98	71
3	-	-	5,500 00	-	2,046 30	2,307 00	1,146 70	72
-	2	-	50 00	.65	35 16	25 00	8 91	73
3	3	-	15 00	-	-	-	-	74
-	-	-	6,500 00	414 54	1,660 19	3,196 19	1,643 58	75
1	1	-	2,000 00	978 10	919 19	950 00	945 02	76
-	-	-	300 00	443 74	151 19	252 05	489 40	77
2	-	-	100 00	580 00	205 96	254 00	267 72	78
-	-	1	4,044 61	3,093 26	2,016 61	2,215 83	1,371 25	79
1	-	-	-	2,000 00	282 00	750 00	451 00	80
-	1	-	84 10	3 65	70 98	-	11 77	81
-	1	-	1,279 32	273 78	664 83	400 00	436 06	82
-	-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-	83
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
-	-	-	600 00	5,303 71	643 91	1,855 48	3,590 07	85
-	-	-	333 33	5 44	222 36	70 82	39 47	86
-	-	-	333 33	-	-	-	-	87
-	-	-	333 33	-	15 00	151 00	-	88
2	-	4	5,325 00	574 59	1,565 47	2,694 65	1,623 54	89
-	-	-	100 00	150 00	150 00	100 00	-	90
-	-	-	400 00	-	284 07	91 92	89 90	91
-	-	-	-	164 31	129 31	-	35 00	92
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
-	-	-	600 00	-	155 42	200 00	-	94
-	-	-	395 10	437 81	97 70	445 85	244 70	95
-	-	-	827 06	9 00	359 10	132 84	196 64	96
-	-	3	500 00	5 00	137 09	180 00	177 56	97
-	-	-	600 00	25 00	321 74	100 00	179 09	98
-	3	-	-	268 98	108 61	104 75	55 62	98*a*
-	-	-	93 12	2 26	16 25	50 00	27 27	99
-	-	5	1,000 00	483 78	377 23	700 00	399 96	100

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101	East Bridgewater	3,363	$2,364,158	$19 80	7,448	16,864
102	East Longmeadow	1,553	998,690	17 80	3,300[1]	6,961
103	Eastham	518	478,928	15 00	3,173	6,490
104	Easthampton	8,524	7,348,009	20 50	15,000	32,727
105	Easton	5,139	6,982,063	11 70	19,087	19,563
106	Edgartown	1,191	1,195,327	21 00	3,025	4,748
107	Egremont[2]	605	565,891	11 50	–	–
108	Enfield[2]	874	753,690	15 00	–	–
109	Erving	1,148	1,065,053	13 00	3,018	4,259
110	Essex	1,621	1,254,656	17 50	4,900[1]	8,800[1]
111	Everett	33,484	30,724,100	21 00	25,280	83,008
112	*East Everett*	–	–	–	9,135	42,353
113	Fairhaven	5,122	4,077,750	19 00	20,868	51,609
114	Fall River	119,295	99,880,768	20 30	87,496	207,729
115	Falmouth	3,144	10,854,489	14 50	9,301	14,594
116	*West Falmouth*[2]	–	–	–	–	–
117	*Woods Hole*	–	–	–	2,644	5,864
118	Fitchburg	37,826	34,657,649	20 00	55,519	75,452
119	Florida	395	351,307	17 00	677	384
120	Foxborough	3,863	2,647,636	18 40	4,240	12,668
121	Framingham	12,948	15,470,490	19 50	35,309	42,193
122	Franklin	5,641	4,702,435	21 25	8,879	14,526
123	Freetown	1,471	1,019,320	15 00	2,069	2,022
124	*East Freetown*	–	–	–	900	–
125	Gardner	14,699	10,487,560	19 40	14,999	29,256
126	Gay Head	162	44,247	11 12	465	–
127	Georgetown	1,958	1,273,420	20 00	10,000	–
128	Gill	942	495,638	15 50	2,706	3,911
129	Gloucester	24,398	25,588,173	19 40	22,476[1]	60,160
130	*Magnolia*[2]	–	–	–	–	–
131	Goshen	279	218,157	15 00	2,090	1,667
132	Gosnold	152	813,301	5 00	913	415
133	Grafton	5,705	3,049,140	19 00	13,731	23,112
134	Granby	761	610,375	17 00	4,000	4,350
135	Granville	781	525,005	17 00	3,243	1,755
136	Great Barrington	5,926	6,872,809	15 00	13,934	22,742

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
1	–	–	$1,000 00	$468 62	$430 93	$660 30	$388 94	101
–	–	–	300 00	20 00	185 53	98 00	–	102
–	–	4	104 30	560 00	147 05	193 90	107 55	103
–	–	–	1,400 00	1,073 00	627 00	1,098 00	745 00	104
–	–	5	–	3,122 76	820 28	1,330 00	889 16	105
–	–	–	400 00	–	75 60	166 00	159 00	106
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	108
1	4	–	100 00	103 00	100 60	50 00	53 00	109
–	–	–	–	761 90	348 90	229 30	106 03	110
–	–	–	5,566 08	348 05	805 25	2,832 20	2,276 68	111
–	–	–	3,305 00	119 00	1,131 01	1,163 50	1,128 66	112
–	2	–	–	8,636 79	1,453 55	4,113 00	2,532 27	113
–	–	3	28,500 00	768 76	4,210 94	16,564 62	10,217 20	114
–	–	3	2,004 43	277 27	438 49	1,029 97	780 78	115
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	116
–	–	–	250 00	331 54	201 33	88 50	308 25	117
–	–	–	8,448 70	868 58	2,435 49	5,073 77	1,807 36	118
–	–	–	15 00	–	–	11 30	–	119
–	–	–	973 28	–	67 22	510 00	405 75	120
1	–	4	5,200 00	2,212 76	1,490 77	2,841 00	1,896 78	121
–	–	–	1,000 00	236 60	359 56	660 00	120 40	122
–	–	–	100 00	31 70	127 87	–	47 28	123
–	–	–	75 00	–	65 00	10 00	–	124
–	18	2	1,336 77	3,663 24	719 31	1,516 41	2,967 03	125
–	–	–	31 00	–	–	–	–	126
1	5	2	728 32	909 00	384 21	530 60	828 08	127
1	6	–	203 54	–	96 18	72 00	35 01	128
–	–	–	–	4,221 96	1,068 72	1,772 00	1,423 70	129
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	130
–	–	–	64 80	1,581 13	119 84	40 00	30 80	131
–	–	–	15 00	1 29	15 31	20 00	–	132
1	3	4	963 63	467 94	505 06	500 00	417 11	133
–	3	–	178 23	528 47	201 26	–	–	134
2	8	–	474 47	357 34	176 20	419 00	310 34	135
–	–	–	3,250 00	–	584 15	1,008 70	440 50	136

[2] No returns received.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1912.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
137	*Housatonic*	–	–	–	5,553	15,101
138	Greenfield	10,427	$11,492,552	$21 00	27,117	70,525
139	Greenwich	452	254,881	13 80	2,685	3,016
140	Groton	2,155	4,338,220	9 00	13,242	14,476
141	Groveland	2,253	1,230,818	23 00	4,604	13,771
142	*South Groveland*	–	–	–	4,230	4,350
143	Hadley	1,999	1,903,428	16 00	5,300	3,791
144	Halifax	550	655,416	15 50	726	2,436
145	Hamilton	1,749	5,201,945	10 50	6,000[1]	7,500[1]
146	*Asbury Grove*	–	–	–	1,521	3,086
147	Hampden	645	447,535	16 00	2,543	6,230
148	Hancock	465	390,935	13 30	–	–
149	Hanover	2,326	1,960,502	15 60	7,500	11,036
150	Hanson	1,854	1,451,530	18 50	3,590	13,552[1]
151	Hardwick	3,524	2,840,595	22 00	4,250	6,673
152	*Gilbertville*	–	–	–	1,800	3,733
153	Harvard	1,034	1,755,139	11 90	6,548	7,378
154	Harwich	2,115	1,569,170	18 00	4,778	6,110
155	*West Harwich*	–	–	–	2,431	6,746
156	Hatfield	1,986	1,787,089	15 90	7,000	4,000
157	Haverhill	44,115	39,891,136	19 00	100,000	184,652
158	Hawley	424	202,657	26 00	1,888	400
159	Heath	346	228,995	17 00	2,000	–
160	Hingham	4,965	8,203,585	18 00	14,378	23,043
161	Hinsdale	1,116	649,537	21 00	6,100	4,190
162	Holbrook	2,816	1,654,918	21 75	86,000	16,966
163	Holden	2,147	1,814,605	17 20	7,033	7,549
164	Holland	145	112,132	16 40	1,125	980[1]
165	Holliston	2,711	2,017,755	15 00	8,881	13,083
166	Holyoke	57,730	60,354,583	16 60	46,728	119,642
167	Hopedale	2,188	5,970,624	11 50	11,476	26,069
168	Hopkinton	2,452	1,817,701	24 00	6,353	10,742
169	Hubbardston	1,073	788,678	21 00	5,352	7,964
170	Hudson	6,743	4,148,215	21 40	10,076	37,589
171	Hull	2,103	8,146,212	15 20	3,000	3,284
172	Huntington	1,473	699,245	25 00	2,260	4,300

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	$1,700 00	-	$665 44	$698 00	$568 95	137
-	4	2	6,986 08	$490 71	2,321 46	2,700 63	2,452 72	138
-	2	1	100 00	30 28	110 92	43 00	2 00	139
-	5	1	1,395 60	318 22	356 71	768 48	611 49	140
-	-	-	661 91	10 58	246 27	174 30	277 58	141
-	1	-	-	232 00	109 23	100 00	44 74	142
1	-	-	293 90	9 85	74 31	87 50	183 36	143
-	-	-	-	-	72 00	30 00	3 41	144
1	5	-	250 00	65 00	-	350 00	-	145
-	-	-	-	126 04	58 13	-	29 91	146
-	6	-	125 00	20 20	68 92	50 00	27 20	147
1	-	-	54 62	1 50	12 97	25 00	-	148
-	-	5	1,000 00	-	352 92	515 75	-	149
1	-	-	284 25	-	317 94	111 25	72 00	150
-	-	1	-	748 00	342 74	225 00	102 81	151
-	-	-	-	871 17	348 63	109 00	301 97	152
-	-	-	100 00	2,167 64	677 84	506 21	1,023 38	153
-	-	-	100 00	386 25	180 86	191 00	131 31	154
-	5	-	50 00	394 84	122 12	26 00	13 70	155
-	-	3	350 00	-	-	-	-	156
4	76	3	13,921 25	7,467 66	3,718 23	9,809 56	7,634 01	157
3	8	-	4,000 00	-	13 27	1,840 00	48 40	158
-	-	-	35 00	-	15 73	24 00	75	159
-	-	-	-	1,927 02	353 66	769 04	780 71	160
-	-	-	221 18	81 67	-	100 00	327 40	161
-	-	-	471 66	927 00	500 00	300 00	235 61	162
-	-	-	1,000 00	214 50	228 05	608 50	350 77	163
-	-	-	65 25	-	-	12 00	18 73	164
-	-	-	1,000 00	57 90	385 95	254 04	206 12	165
-	50	5	15,000 00	557 47	3,007 51	8,028 91	3,586 40	166
1	-	-	2,962 02	235 50	691 02	1,714 72	791 78	167
-	-	-	-	762 34	291 58	243 25	221 33	168
-	-	-	-	1,126 15	206 82	301 88	390 21	169
-	-	-	2,105 02	-	442 09	1,058 15	604 78	170
-	-	-	432 39	20 00	111 95	212 18	68 55	171
2	-	-	305 20	47 50	218 43	49 00	96 70	172

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	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
173	Ipswich	5,777	$5,490,041	$22 00	11,194	18,670
174	Kingston	2,445	1,679,890	17 00	8,629	11,283
175	Lakeville	1,141	1,161,885	13 60	1,870[1]	–
176	Lancaster	2,464	6,861,457	11 50	37,953	14,627
177	Lanesborough[2]	947	633,237	18 00	–	–
178	Lawrence	85,892	78,710,803	18 00	64,940	152,443
179	Lee	4,106	2,849,842	20 35	9,000	9,069
180	Leicester	3,237	2,507,487	20 50	14,455	18,081
181	Lenox	3,060	8,963,045	15 50	23,090	23,271
182	*Lenoxdale*	–	–	–	–	–
183	Leominster	17,580	13,251,410	21 00	30,750	78,260
184	Leverett	728	369,505	16 00	2,050	1,449
185	Lexington	4,918	8,562,600	21 80	27,271	46,060
186	Leyden	363	205,980	15 50	2,022	692
187	Lincoln	1,175	4,377,610	11 00	9,675	7,845
188	Littleton	1,229	1,194,052	22 60	12,402	10,500
189	Longmeadow	1,084	2,516,685	15 00	5,503	10,899
190	Lowell	106,294	87,041,693	19 40	86,895	160,611
191	Ludlow	4,948	4,398,754	18 60	4,300[1]	10,078
192	Lunenburg	1,393	1,392,764	14 80	7,580	11,564
193	Lynn	89,336	86,005,977	20 00	92,249	242,421
194	Lynnfield	911	1,268,002	14 70	3,439	2,964
195	Malden	44,404	41,661,530	19 20	65,517	164,985
196	Manchester	2,673	16,730,324	8 80	15,058	22,510
197	Mansfield	5,183	4,421,645	20 40	6,000	19,614
198	Marblehead	7,338	10,972,186	22 00	20,528	28,656
199	Marion	1,460	5,167,130	11 00	7,241	10,190
200	Marlborough	14,579	10,724,370	21 90	27,000	–
201	Marshfield	1,738	2,823,797	14 00	4,471	6,409
202	*Marshfield Hills*	–	–	–	2,000[1]	–
203	Mashpee	270	250,070	20 60	1,460	484
204	Mattapoisett	1,233	1,850,987	10 50	6,492	11,153
205	Maynard	6,390	4,094,545	18 40	5,500	20,188[1]
206	Medfield	3,466	1,817,031	14 70	5,385	8,143
207	Medford	23,150	28,297,150	19 00	43,063	116,864
208	Medway	2,696	1,721,820	22 50	1,500	8,000

[1] Approximate.

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Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	-	$4,318 03	$808 10	$1,168 00	$1,641 58	173
-	-	-	$900 00	777 56	500 00	546 00	734 00	174
2	-	-	396 45	15 01	325 70	192 47	48 18	175
1	6	2	1,950 64	816 61	861 43	866 47	1,039 35	176
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177
1	-	4	19,119 75	1,777 76	2,213 92	11,353 76	7,329 83	178
-	-	-	1,200 00	36 40	434 49	864 06	662 58	179
3	-	-	1,600 00	241 86	480 33	662 50	699 03	180
-	-	-	292 98	2,279 21	722 99	1,430 00	506 77	181
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182
-	-	-	5,064 91	496 04	1,013 92	3,210 92	1,236 32	183
3	3	-	100 64	3 12	67 64	36 35	4 34	184
1	-	-	4,519 17	787 08	1,037 77	2,650 00	1,073 72	185
-	-	-	35 00	3 03	1 25	26 00	1 50	186
-	3	1	780 05	536 27	450 76	646 00	363 21	187
-	-	-	660 00	600 00	541 77	310 00	395 60	188
-	-	-	549 72	263 00	431 74	269 16	208 74	189
-	-	3	14,500 00	5,830 38	4,910 27	11,262 46	4,136 94	190
-	-	-	382 00	-	382 00	-	-	191
-	1	-	698 76	155 00	374 49	236 00	301 60	192
-	10	6	20,964 98	1,035 02	3,110 27	13,992 95	4,896 78	193
1	-	-	156 01	735 76	171 05	251 75	434 93	194
-	17	8	8,132 39	15,634 60	3,866 57	9,065 09	14,832 42	195
-	-	-	2,046 28	-	671 83	596 58	125 51	196
-	-	-	1,000 00	-	-	-	-	197
-	-	-	800 07	967 21	672 14	884 75	134 45	198
-	-	-	200 00	1,186 54	215 00	665 00	360 48	199
-	-	-	4,139 56	102 44	1,000 00	2,710 00	532 00	200
6	-	-	400 00	23 72	116 51	258 98	31 38	201
-	-	-	-	1,300 00	-	-	20 00	202
1	-	-	40 00	-	22 40	15 00	2 60	203
-	-	-	932 87	32 71	333 38	365 55	273 15	204
-	-	-	1,261 42	157 43	326 47	667 40	160 24	205
-	-	-	243 36	258 32	184 43	200 00	68 92	206
-	87	14	10,418 85	120 36	2,000 00	5,700 00	2,839 21	207
-	-	-	112 00	225 00	-	-	-	208

[2] No returns received.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1901.	Valuation, 1912.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
209	*West Medway*	-	-	-	4,654	11,912
210	MELROSE	15,715	$18,003,525	$20 40	15,000	65,425
211	Mendon	880	693,775	16 40	5,000[1]	5,163
212	Merrimac	2,202	1,284,443	25 50	7,000[1]	6,440
213	Methuen	11,448	8,401,695	22 50	20,228	30,512
214	Middleborough	8,214	4,984,707	20 00	21,238	51,614
215	Middlefield	354	236,844	16 00	2,177	1,806
216	Middleton	1,129	911,534	12 60	7,141	10,528
217	Milford	13,055	10,073,663	19 00	18,773	39,996
218	Millbury	4,740	2,966,650	26 00	9,475	24,016
219	Millis[2]	1,399	1,368,069	18 30	-	-
220	Milton	7,924	29,927,244	13 00	25,409	65,005
221	Monroe	246	176,934	18 00	1,478	305
222	Monson	4,758	1,869,090	20 80	12,407	13,329
223	Montague	6,866	4,638,333	18 60	7,265	7,265
224	*Millers Falls*	-	-	-	2,497	6,989
225	*Montague City*	-	-	-	812	2,024
226	*Turners Falls*	-	-	-	8,367	21,428
227	Monterey	388	356,540	14 00	2,650[1]	1,716
228	Montgomery	217	158,697	18 50	1,007	304
229	Mount Washington	110	133,688	14 00	-	-
230	Nahant	1,184	9,067,802	12 00	20,982	15,156
231	Nantucket	2,962	4,342,040	17 70	16,523	25,904
232	Natick	9,886	8,840,700	24 80	25,726	53,655
233	*South Natick*	-	-	-	8,619	7,226
234	Needham	5,026	7,776,140	17 50	15,010	34,254
235	New Ashford	92	65,600	18 00	1,326	-
236	NEW BEDFORD	96,652	104,536,328	20 20	152,108	334,250
237	New Braintree	464	423,169	13 50	2,737	1,140
238	New Marlborough	1,124	855,180	18 50	-	-
239	*Southfield*	-	-	-	780	500
240	New Salem	639	392,570	22 00	2,235	1,150
241	NEWBURYPORT	14,949	12,617,958	19 50	45,507	53,377
242	*South End Reading Room*	-	-	-	3,500	11,320
243	NEWTON	39,806	82,476,040	18 20	83,249	284,186
244	Norfolk	960	1,197,570	13 50	3,740	4,314

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Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	$428 75	$17 40	$179 47	$60 00	$111 15	209
-	2	1	5,767 00	-	1,500 00	2,667 00	1,600 00	210
-	1	-	300 00	7 16	103 56	104 61	17 40	211
-	-	-	300 00	-	35 60	200 00	62 20	212
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	213
-	-	-	1,297 40	2,489 35	1,560 30	1,853 39	1,519 10	214
-	7	-	81 58	-	61 76	20 00	-	215
-	-	-	-	1,804 68	328 32	285 00	1,158 94	216
-	-	-	1,596 39	94 59	800 39	560 02	630 83	217
-	-	-	744 22	1 53	210 20	406 25	53 85	218
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	219
3	8	3	10,358 35	2,179 78	1,810 80	5,986 02	4,594 74	220
1	2	-	11 62	-	1 40	-	10	221
-	8	-	300 00	2,152 07	573 11	515 00	536 59	222
-	-	-	565 84	4 32	227 94	225 00	122 09	223
-	-	-	465 83	-	145 37	100 50	158 00	224
-	-	-	-	16 58	13 38	-	-	225
-	-	-	1,731 67	568 00	569 64	960 10	829 27	226
-	-	-	50 00	4 91	50 76	25 00	17 83	227
-	-	-	44 42	-	-	-	15 00	228
-	2	-	15 00	-	-	-	-	229
-	-	-	3,750 00	-	959 08	622 75	1,071 36	230
-	-	-	1,000 00	1,466 59	637 37	1,090 08	1,072 46	231
-	-	-	3,732 02	982 14	929 97	2,509 63	1,007 06	232
-	-	-	-	5,291 56	306 97	380 00	4,759 89	233
1	-	2	2,215 22	60 75	682 18	1,127 39	488 58	234
-	-	-	20 00	-	-	10 00	3 75	235
3	131	33	32,686 32	14,496 00	12,198 68	24,468 12	11,543 81	236
-	-	-	107 60	-	58 72	25 00	3 75	237
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	238
-	1	-	-	10 00	-	8 00	2 00	239
2	6	-	75 00	100 00	-	-	80 34	240
-	-	-	4,640 93	2,923 96	2,319 01	4,006 34	800 35	241
-	-	-	-	564 51	154 93	86 62	358 00	242
9	-	1	25,025 00	4,694 48	7,151 95	12,845 00	9,103 87	243
1	-	-	175 00	-	77 00	46 75	16 10	244

[2] No returns received.

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	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
245	North Adams	22,019	$16,343,329	$20 90	34,058	95,381
246	North Andover	5,529	5,572,491	21 00	13,001	20,543
247	North Attleborough	9,562	9,571,030	20 00	11,000	44,438
248	North Brookfield	3,075	1,912,563	19 00	8,511	16,466
249	North Reading	1,059	919,253	19 00	5,549	7,315
250	Northampton	19,431	17,450,911	16 00	38,809	51,867
251	*Forbes Library*	–	–	–	119,703	76,748
252	*Florence*	–	–	–	8,600[1]	–
253	Northborough	1,713	1,845,464	12 50	12,821	12,710
254	Northbridge	8,807	5,526,230	17 40	8,289	15,426
255	Northfield	1,642	1,464,269	22 00	7,466	14,804
256	*Northfield Farms*	–	–	–	1,600	1,441
257	Norton	2,544	1,687,750	20 00	7,586	15,735
258	Norwell	1,410	1,157,345	18 50	5,000	3,246
259	Norwood	8,014	15,640,380	10 40	15,553	43,898
260	Oak Bluffs	1,084	1,914,025	20 00	3,000	11,283
261	Oakham	552	379,796	17 70	2,244	2,705
262	Orange	5,282	4,055,235	23 00	12,381	44,341
263	Orleans	1,077	3,696,288	3 00	8,552	9,739
264	Otis	494	294,045	18 00	1,316	1,680
265	Oxford	3,361	2,064,479	19 50	10,325	15,782
266	Palmer	8,610	5,289,004	18 00	9,179	26,007
267	Paxton	416	397,180	14 50	2,875[1]	2,845
268	Peabody	15,721	15,036,200	17 00	45,394	34,162
269	*Eben Dale Sutton Library*	–	–	–	4,373	–
270	Pelham	467	402,845	12 50	1,264	961
271	Pembroke	1,336	1,067,030	17 20	2,634	3,641
272	*Bryantville*	–	–	–	3,933	9,166
273	Pepperell	2,953	2,316,866	22 40	17,086	10,128
274	Peru	237	165,240	18 50	2,170	1,034
275	Petersham	757	1,111,727	20 30	10,500[1]	5,625
276	Phillipston	426	290,360	17 50	6,381	2,239
277	Pittsfield	32,121	37,783,710	16 60	61,679	109,014
278	Plainfield	406	199,147	20 00	2,035	1,558
279	Plainville	1,385	1,036,694	21 00	3,000[1]	4,042
280	Plymouth	12,141	13,036,325	18 00	17,591	27,762

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IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
4	4	-	$7,000 00	$831 87	$2,300 53	$3,544 81	$1,450 06	245
-	8	-	2,723 73	250 93	548 95	1,667 15	644 45	246
-	-	-	3,000 00	179 50	1,288 96	1,160 00	741 38	247
-	-	-	1,300 00	180 41	177 77	500 00	740 37	248
1	-	-	150 00	-	249 48	-	35 74	249
1	-	-	1,763 32	2,583 50	903 49	2,118 86	1,325 34	250
2	4	1	5,400 00	15,748 98	12,247 25	7,247 10	3,159 00	251
-	-	-	416 00	620 81	258 21	508 50	220 95	252
-	-	-	508 17	1,527 49	635 53	475 00	1,257 90	253
-	-	2	1,500 00	435 74	181 84	225 04	719 30	254
-	-	1	715 00	600 75	220 43	300 00	1,035 66	255
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256
-	3	3	250 00	1,203 76	140 92	300 00	279 68	257
-	-	-	100 00	521 12	124 35	230 50	183 92	258
-	-	-	4,169 04	327 26	1,266 25	2,483 00	736 61	259
-	-	-	400 00	314 58	349 77	210 00	125 00	260
-	-	1	358 96	-	59 80	195 00	101 68	261
1	-	-	1,927 68	188 35	742 28	875 71	565 97	262
-	-	-	200 00	208 38	125 17	125 00	216 00	263
-	-	-	100 00	-	45 00	48 50	38 29	264
1	-	-	1,137 31	-	350 34	463 88	323 09	265
3	3	-	1,800 00	163 27	812 65	572 50	805 55	266
-	-	-	226 30	5 25	67 47	35 00	43 30	267
-	3	3	-	3,594 77	1,067 91	1,701 90	655 17	268
-	-	-	-	1,256 71	261 37	400 00	-	269
1	2	1	40 00	-	1 24	17 75	10 25	270
1	1	-	145 76	95	83 94	50 00	15 12	271
-	-	-	-	998 64	403 92	154 50	225 86	272
-	-	-	1,107 61	1,588 45	404 57	1,028 43	506 83	273
-	-	-	15 00	-	22 00	10 00	79	274
-	-	1	100 00	431 44	184 16	314 42	318 26	275
-	-	-	-	199 45	129 44	-	59 30	276
-	-	-	10,000 00	7,835 54	1,653 66	6,898 70	5,418 64	277
-	-	1	50 00	16	27 81	13 20	28 32	278
-	-	-	400 00	-	327 94	20 00	101 80	279
-	-	-	2,000 00	686 87	535 29	1,144 00	1,120 98	280

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	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
281	*Manomet*	-	-	-	555	-
282	*North Plymouth*	-	-	-	9,214	18,266
283	Plympton	561	$435,618	$15 25	2,170	2,706
284	Prescott	320	204,610	14 60	2,587	1,190
285	Princeton	818	1,491,188	12 20	7,559	5,505
286	Provincetown	4,369	2,360,419	26 00	13,604	16,123
287	Quincy	32,642	36,610,560	23 70	33,866	120,559
288	Randolph	4,301	2,823,750	20 00	24,152	28,235
289	Raynham	1,725	912,739	13 40	2,026	2,456
290	Reading	5,818	6,971,783	18 70	8,182	19,243
291	Rehoboth	2,001	1,027,609	17 70	1,600	1,116
292	Revere	18,219	20,644,735	22 40	12,292	47,783
293	Richmond	650	669,819	21 30	2,658	1,699
294	Rochester	1,090	959,054	18 00	3,930	-
295	Rockland	6,928	5,228,797	23 20	13,022	32,103
296	Rockport	4,211	3,908,970	19 50	7,064	18,825
297	*Pigeon Cove*	-	-	-	1,860	1,500
298	Rowe	456	258,305	20 50	2,646	3,269
299	Rowley	1,368	2,297,674	10 00	4,745	9,665
300	Royalston	792	720,635	17 50	3,424	6,325
301	Russell	965	1,294,051	12 20	1,605	2,436
302	Rutland	1,743	856,950	24 00	4,086	3,886
303	Salem	43,697	37,415,300	20 50	57,951	92,687
304	Salisbury	1,658	1,429,640	13 20	2,275	5,742
305	Sandisfield	566	430,183	20 00	1,615	2,236[1]
306	Sandwich	1,688	1,300,800	18 20	4,888	11,769
307	Saugus	8,047	6,675,809	21 80	11,988	21,789
308	Savoy	503	190,860	26 00	850	1,650
309	Scituate	2,482	5,546,205	17 00	2,000	5,869
310	*North Scituate*	-	-	-	3,800	2,800
311	Seekonk	2,397	1,648,620	17 50	2,527	1,672
312	Sharon	2,310	3,718,522	15 00	7,000	14,866
313	Sheffield	1,817	1,081,375	12 00	3,000[1]	3,618
314	Shelburne	1,498	1,730,829	14 50	4,655	2,998
315	*Shelburne Falls*	-	-	-	11,738	16,589
316	Sherborn	1,428	2,231,755	9 50	7,203	-

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	-	$194 07	$23 65	$2 67	$84 34	281
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	282
-	-	-	$125 00	13 86	49 97	50 00	3 54	283
3	-	-	25 00	45	60 00	18 00	5 65	284
-	-	1	50 00	320 00	254 09	115 00	-	285
-	-	-	808 45	336 00	332 30	438 54	362 81	286
2	10	3	12,781 99	1,384 14	3,115 64	6,603 45	4,586 60	287
-	-	-	250 00	2,311 45	598 95	1,137 49	912 67	288
-	-	-	-	-	140 66	55 00	17 67	289
-	-	-	2,301 92	127 60	673 37	511 41	1,231 50	290
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291
4	2	-	4,000 00	74 00	549 80	2,104 00	1,420 20	292
-	2	-	140 00	77 50	100 24	65 00	49 88	293
1	-	-	250 00	41 42	219 80	59 25	8 35	294
-	-	-	2,527 90	109 49	676 88	1,204 96	751 84	295
-	-	-	1,000 00	301 78	199 34	600 00	374 34	296
-	-	-	150 00	-	20 00	120 00	10 00	297
-	4	-	50 00	96 38	57 05	50 00	29 81	298
-	-	-	131 71	39 58	109 78	90 00	11 30	299
-	-	1	225 00	60 60	60 51	100 00	124 65	300
2	2	-	200 00	-	41 71	85 00	74 67	301
-	-	-	166 52	22 81	102 21	100 00	2 50	302
1	-	2	15,500 00	3,931 84	5,688 18	7,776 19	38,836 00	303
-	-	-	350 00	-	75 00	113 00	162 00	304
-	-	-	40 00	-	25 37	6 00	8 53	305
1	2	-	-	1,253 00	241 63	731 50	157 01	306
-	-	-	1,143 11	-	532 00	475 00	136 11	307
3	-	-	15 00	-	15 00	-	-	308
-	-	-	350 00	-	-	-	-	309
-	-	-	350 00	64 00	41 00	81 00	76 67	310
-	-	-	200 00	-	-	-	-	311
-	-	-	465 77	234 97	317 52	348 13	432 55	312
-	-	-	150 00	70 00	125 84	53 75	40 53	313
-	-	-	300 00	-	249 04	60 00	29 52	314
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	315
-	-	-	351 25	88 52	197 00	130 00	26 95	316

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
317	Shirley	2,139	$1,263,211	$19 20	5,467	8,398
318	Shrewsbury	1,946	2,502,920	17 00	9,396	13,294
319	Shutesbury	267	321,611	15 50	1,397	435
320	Somerset	2,798	1,649,190	20 00	3,000	6,953
321	Somerville	77,236	71,906,464	19 80	116,462	555,885
322	South Hadley	4,894	3,286,207	19 50	–	–
323	*South Hadley Falls*	–	–	–	4,877	15,120
324	Southampton	870	529,630	19 00	4,972	4,319
325	Southborough	1,745	2,140,097	15 40	10,606	7,006
326	Southbridge	12,592	7,382,086	19 40	23,535	38,971
327	Southwick	1,020	861,970	16 00	2,585	3,700
328	Spencer	6,740	3,521,170	18 00	12,883	17,208
329	Springfield	88,926	169,640,484	15 80	–	613,604
330	Sterling	1,359	1,249,590	14 50	8,879	6,827
331	Stockbridge	1,933	4,258,915	17 40	10,000[1]	12,445
332	Stoneham	7,090	5,352,080	24 80	13,737	25,883
333	Stoughton	6,316	4,026,993	23 20	13,095	28,106
334	Stow	1,115	1,121,348	15 00	6,125	–
335	Sturbridge	1,957	932,000	22 50	8,477	6,518
336	Sudbury	1,120	1,397,265	17 20	10,102	9,159
337	Sunderland	1,047	610,671	15 50	5,482	7,587
338	Sutton	3,078	1,529,800	19 50	5,058[1]	–
339	Swampscott	6,204	13,202,915	16 40	12,968	33,383
340	Swansea	1,978	1,766,690	17 20	6,652	7,948
341	Taunton	34,259	25,142,501	20 40	61,225	94,185
342	Templeton	3,756	1,836,918	20 00	9,458	24,204
343	Tewksbury	3,750	1,614,575	17 40	8,000[1]	13,424
344	Tisbury	1,196	1,807,747	11 00	6,288	5,267
345	Tolland	180	266,697	13 50	1,050	125
346	Topsfield	1,174	3,568,570	8 00	11,304	5,118
347	Townsend	1,761	1,367,269	16 00	6,242	11,354
348	Truro	655	408,045	18 50	4,689	4,526
349	Tyngsborough	829	674,904	14 00	7,256	7,035
350	Tyringham	382	367,454	16 00	3,575[1]	1,002
351	Upton	2,071	1,261,187	20 00	6,190	14,036
352	Uxbridge	4,671	3,759,955	14 00	12,224	17,222

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
1	-	-	$514 18	$4 00	$179 77	$200 19	$138 22	317
-	-	1	878 97	866 77	628 49	711 00	406 25	318
-	-	-	25 00	-	-	10 00	16 51	319
1	-	-	486 98	42 44	114 26	121 10	114 40	320
3	275	12	36,005 80	933 36	11,814 34	21,822 44	3,300 78	321
-	-	-	500 00	-	-	150 00	-	322
-	-	-	1,000 00	39 75	270 61	430 07	335 62	323
-	5	-	259 20	58 55	52 88	65 00	146 24	324
1	-	-	1,263 83	105 00	322 71	525 83	612 84	325
-	-	-	2,903 77	225 89	798 40	1,404 40	806 78	326
-	-	-	300 00	15 52	123 02	75 00	86 64	327
-	-	-	-	4,107 72	560 73	684 55	287 25	328
4	298	38	55,707 69	12,504 95	11,301 95	28,922 11	17,220 54	329
-	5	-	287 34	303 90	267 41	153 00	63 30	330
1	-	-	1,214 56	680 81	292 49	720 00	459 86	331
-	-	-	2,267 35	138 00	569 06	940 68	836 03	332
-	1	-	1,592 28	1,060 54	902 23	924 50	826 74	333
-	-	-	-	500 00	-	-	-	334
-	-	-	100 00	546 54	318 64	150 00	141 82	335
2	-	-	50 50	846 00	376 29	300 00	235 45	336
-	-	-	231 02	285 56	165 96	207 73	123 24	337
4	-	-	232 00	-	114 25	50 00	67 75	338
-	-	-	1,400 00	-	800 00	600 00	-	339
-	-	4	600 00	196 22	304 88	393 00	116 01	340
-	-	-	8,900 00	453 78	2,846 35	4,592 57	2,376 33	341
3	-	-	653 31	500 00[1]	500 00	466 40	186 91	342
5	2	-	552 59	101 82	286 49	215 05	44 99	343
-	-	-	200 00	221 90	25 00	126 00	292 37	344
-	-	-	15 00	63	-	5 00	-	345
-	-	-	111 66	496 59	294 68	148 33	111 56	346
-	-	1	476 47	80 63	230 44	218 00	108 77	347
2	1	-	62 74	231 94	66 13	100 27	910 47	348
-	1	-	355 39	187 67	125 24	183 00	120 84	349
-	-	-	125 00	21 56	18 35	45 00	122 67	350
-	-	-	423 00	46 29	-	-	-	351
-	1	-	1,540 38	654 18	530 27	800 00	781 23	352

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	Cities and Towns.	Population, 1910.	Valuation, 1913.	Rate of Tax per $1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
353	Wakefield	11,404	$11,506,004	$21 50	18,222	54,399
354	Wales	345	271,902	13 25	1,720	800
355	Walpole	4,892	6,905,477	17 40	13,096	26,740
356	Waltham	27,834	30,217,200	17 30	38,576	110,217
357	Ware	8,774	5,039,160	16 30	16,300	33,019
358	Wareham	4,102	5,471,349	18 25	4,331	9,854
359	Warren	4,188	2,448,594	18 50	11,175	8,943
360	Warwick	477	456,282	17 10	5,864	4,865
361	Washington	277	310,505	16 00	493	–
362	Watertown	12,875	17,581,765	19 20	42,052	63,443
363	Wayland	2,206	3,036,500	17 60	14,749	8,468
364	Webster	11,509	7,129,702	12 60	9,942	29,526
365	Wellesley	5,413	18,103,032	12 00	18,467	37,641
366	Wellfleet	1,022	882,105	21 00	2,000	–
367	Wendell	502	524,835	15 00	1,614	3,007
368	Wenham	1,010	2,660,400	8 80	6,336	6,233
369	West Boylston	1,270	951,053	13 90	8,574	6,374
370	West Bridgewater	2,231	1,554,039	19 20	7,157	–
371	West Brookfield	1,327	945,261	20 20	9,948	15,690
372	West Newbury	1,473	1,091,968	15 00	5,616	7,770
373	West Springfield	9,224	9,181,514	16 50	9,000	19,729
374	West Stockbridge	1,271	569,235	16 00	2,654	6,296
375	West Tisbury	437	682,688	6 00	2,540[1]	500[1]
376	Westborough	5,446	3,273,651	18 60	16,983	40,940
377	Westfield	16,044	10,939,734	18 50	28,657	67,466
378	Westford	2,851	2,205,526	16 00	16,228	12,304
379	Westhampton	423	278,215	15 00	4,782	1,700
380	Westminster	1,353	990,900	20 00	7,972	9,393
381	Weston	2,106	8,120,685	11 50	20,737	17,194
382	Westport	2,928	2,281,700	20 00	2,032	2,383
383	*Head of Westport*	–	–	–	2,000	1,300
384	*Westport Point*	–	–	–	1,300[1]	–
385	Westwood	1,266	4,100,080	10 40	4,425	5,052
386	Weymouth	12,895	11,468,075	17 50	26,700	47,791
387	*South Weymouth*	–	–	–	7,191	19,103
388	Whately	846	539,455	19 00	2,500[1]	–

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
1	-	-	$2,225 00	$467 44	$941 78	$1,188 45	$566 84	353
-	1	-	75 00	5 33	44 59	30 00	11 50	354
1	-	1	2,694 14	203 84	619 97	1,565 32	633 99	355
-	25	7	7,776 85	34 59	2,448 08	3,837 99	1,536 37	356
-	1	-	1,998 36	667 78	698 11	985 56	657 84	357
-	-	-	1,040 65	397 02	204 71	177 50	508 96	358
-	-	-	781 84	492 84	349 19	494 99	441 22	359
-	1	1	100 00	115 03	130 22	50 00	38 86	360
-	3	-	25 00	-	-	6 00	5 70	361
-	-	2	7,700 00	250 00	1,967 52	3,690 21	2,292 27	362
1	-	-	1,053 06	479 72	405 98	571 00	557 59	363
-	7	-	2,300 00	77 21	563 99	951 60	1,057 36	364
1	-	-	2,896 00	1,120 95	1,135 90	1,903 75	976 65	365
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366
-	-	-	78 46	-	37 05	30 00	18 15	367
-	-	2	450 00	24 40	275 13	205 00	61 17	368
-	-	-	833 23	47 89	47 88	500 50	667 03	369
-	-	-	519 44	120 24	263 29	232 56	79 46	370
-	-	-	552 56	515 31	369 81	404 46	293 36	371
1	-	1	300 00	74 92	115 09	202 00	91 24	372
-	20	-	1,363 74	30 00	845 83	418 00	231 10	373
2	1	-	244 80	-	142 65	127 16	-	374
-	-	-	48 75	41 80	29 90	33 00	31 16	375
-	-	-	1,288 89	1,997 40	876 59	1,406 51	630 29	376
-	6	2	4,880 00	1,288 00	1,478 00	3,223 00	1,235 00	377
-	3	3	1,378 30	151 88	412 66	663 88	459 65	378
-	3	-	89 90	43 00	72 61	25 00	80 50	379
-	-	-	696 18	179 08	373 58	273 40	421 17	380
1	-	-	2,579 00	497 00	966 00	1,236 00	9 83	381
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382
-	3	-	50 00	12 00	50 00	-	7 40	383
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384
1	-	-	467 41	35 68	170 61	195 00	132 61	385
-	9	7	3,021 21	1,552 31	1,294 31	1,870 81	1,689 01	386
-	-	-	500 00	695 66	124 30	680 00	319 82	387
2	2	-	214 02	-	125 58	73 25	6 82	388

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389	Whitman	7,292	$5,574,234	$22 90	13,450[1]	33,691
390	Wilbraham	2,332	1,224,551	15 00	2,745	3,476
391	Williamsburg	2,132	1,088,708	18 50	8,500[1]	7,886
392	*Haydenville*	–	–	–	2,196	7,041
393	Williamstown	3,078	5,087,263	17 00	7,000[1]	6,601
394	*South Williamstown*	–	–	–	2,580	2,572
395	Wilmington	1,858	1,817,219	17 10	4,596	8,711
396	Winchendon	5,678	4,301,778	20 80	10,519	22,809
397	Winchester	9,309	16,426,839	17 40	21,942	46,140
398	Windsor[2]	404	301,060	18 10	–	–
399	Winthrop	10,132	15,280,150	20 10	14,644	36,888
400	Woburn	15,308	12,070,310	20 50	51,670	63,972
401	*North Woburn*	–	–	–	1,885	3,800
402	Worcester	145,986	162,393,495	17 60	192,627	975,295
403	Worthington	569	390,123	17 70	3,222	2,449
404	Wrentham	1,743	1,469,201	20 70	6,100	10,000
405	Yarmouth	1,420	2,549,989	15 00	8,466	3,350
406	*South Yarmouth*	–	–	–	4,016	2,500[1]
407	*West Yarmouth*	–	–	–	1,616	2,296

[1] Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Concluded.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	$2,500 00	$109 54	$1,019 03	$875 65	$723 43	389
-	4	2	25 00	150 85	27 31	115 08	49 84	390
-	-	-	-	925 00	500 00	310 00	75 00	391
-	-	-	204 00	11 50	10 00	30 00	5 00	392
-	-	-	351 78	56 58	116 72	446 50	360 66	393
-	-	-	213 40	5 50	160 76	50 00	9 25	394
-	-	-	350 00	37 70	223 58	137 50	93 87	395
-	-	-	1,307 99	251 60	80 59	382 95	1,211 71	396
-	-	-	3,236 81	254 95	1,387 46	1,606 75	551 08	397
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	398
-	-	1	3,500 00	113 31	579 41	1,816 62	1,272 62	399
-	4	1	5,782 16	2,715 03	1,207 86	4,187 48	2,404 92	400
-	-	-	-	832 86	114 13	240 00	209 68	401
3	45	31	53,139 22	5,081 02	16,960 89	30,918 93	9,014 94	402
-	1	-	-	103 36	34 35	40 00	16 32	403
-	-	1	600 00	434 81	188 58	333 91	368 18	404
-	-	-	78 16	841 99	253 70	225 00	273 58	405
-	-	-	78 16	32 57	49 45	20 00	33 23	406
-	-	-	78 17	17 50	35 00	15 00	12 00	407

[2] No returns received.

Appendix IV

ADVISORY VISITORS, 1913-14

Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz	Yarmouthport.
Miss May Ashley	Greenfield.
Mr. H. H. Ballard	Pittsfield.
Mrs. Francis C. Barlow	Lenox.
Mr. William W. Bryant	Brookline.
Miss Alice G. Chandler	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. Cole	Wenham.
Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr.	Brookline-Manchester.
Mrs. W. Murray Crane	Dalton.
Mrs. Zenas Crane	Pittsfield-Dalton.
Mrs. Frederick Cunningham	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss Julia Delano	New Bedford.
Miss Nellie E. Dodge	Springfield.
Miss Ida F. Farrar	Springfield.
Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno	Rowley-Boston.
Mrs. Henry R. Hoyt	New Marlborough.
Miss Anna B. Jackson	North Adams.
Miss Caroline Jenks	Bedford.
Miss Ada L. Joslin	Oxford-Boston.
Miss Katharine P. Loring	Prides Crossing.
Miss Lucy Lowell	Boston.
Miss Madeline C. Mixter	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss Mary Morison	Boston.
Miss Mary L. Poland	Springfield.
Miss Mary Rodman	Concord.
Mr. William H. Sanderson	Chester.
Mrs. Robert K. Shaw	Worcester.
Miss Alice Shepard	Springfield.
Miss Martha N. Soule	Hyannis.
Miss Mary G. Stone	Manchester.
Miss Mary Anna Tarbell	Brimfield.
Mrs. Grace M. Whittemore	Hudson.
Dr. George E. Wire	Worcester. — 33

APPENDIX V

LOCAL SECRETARIES AND LIBRARY GROUPS

BARNSTABLE (including Four Towns in Plymouth)

Eastham, . . Mrs. Herbert Clark, Local Secretary.
Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet.

Falmouth, . . Miss Pamelia C. Robbins, Local Secretary.
Bourne, Mashpee, Sandwich, West Falmouth, Woods Hole.

Hyannis, . . Miss Martha N. Soule, Local Secretary.
Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, East Dennis, Harwich, South Yarmouth, West Harwich, West Yarmouth.

Osterville, . . Miss Mary L. Crocker, Local Secretary.
Barnstable (Sturgis), Centerville, Cotuit, Marston's Mills, West Barnstable, Yarmouth.

Wareham, . . Miss Alexina P. Burgess, Local Secretary.
Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester.

BERKSHIRE (NORTH)

Dalton, . . Mrs. M. E. Davison, Local Secretary.
Cheshire, New Ashford, Peru, Windsor.

North Adams, . Miss Mabel Temple, Local Secretary.
Adams, Clarksburg, Florida, Monroe, Savoy, Williamstown.

Pittsfield, . . Miss Jeanette E. Waterman, Local Secretary.
Becket, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Richmond, Washington.

BERKSHIRE (SOUTH)

Housatonic, . Miss Lydia A. Fuller, Local Secretary.
Alford, Egremont, Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough, Sandisfield, Sheffield, West Stockbridge.

Lenox, . . Miss Anna L. White, Local Secretary.
Lee, Otis, Stockbridge, Tyringham.

BRISTOL

Attleborough, . Miss Eugenia M. Henry, Local Secretary.
Mansfield, North Attleborough, Norton.

Fall River, . Mr. George W. Rankin, Local Secretary.
Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea.

New Bedford, . Mr. George H. Tripp, Local Secretary.
Acushnet, Dartmouth, Freetown, Westport.

Taunton, . . Mr. Joshua E. Crane, Local Secretary.
Berkley, Dighton, Raynham, Rehoboth.

DUKES AND NANTUCKET

Oak Bluffs, . Mrs. Mae C. Gorham, Local Secretary.
Chilmark, Edgartown, Gay Head, Gosnold, Nantucket, Vineyard Haven, West Tisbury.

ESSEX

Amesbury, . Miss Alice C. Follansbee, Local Secretary.
Merrimac, Newburyport, Salisbury.

Andover, . . Miss Edna A. Brown, Local Secretary.
Methuen, North Andover.

Beverly, . . Miss Martha P. Smith, Local Secretary.
Gloucester, Manchester, Pigeon Cove, Rockport.

Haverhill, . . Mr. John G. Moulton, Local Secretary.
Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, West Newbury (Byfield).

Ipswich, . . Mrs. Mary B. Maine, Local Secretary.
Essex, Hamilton, Rowley.

Lynn, . . Miss Harriet L. Matthews, Local Secretary.
Nahant, Saugus, Swampscott.

Salem, . . Mr. Gardner M. Jones, Local Secretary.
Danvers, Marblehead, Middleton, Peabody, Topsfield, Wenham.

FRANKLIN

Greenfield, . Miss May Ashley, Local Secretary.
Bernardston, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Leyden, Montague.

Greenfield, . Miss Edith M. Pratt, Local Secretary.
Erving, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Prescott, Warwick, Wendell, Whately.

Rowe, . . Rev. Margaret B. Barnard, Local Secretary.
Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Shelburne.

HAMPDEN AND HAMPSHIRE

Amherst, . . Mr. Charles R. Green, Local Secretary.
Belchertown, Hadley, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury, Sunderland.

Brimfield, . . Miss M. Anna Tarbell, Local Secretary.
Holland, Monson, Palmer, Wales.

Holyoke, . . Mr. Frank G. Willcox, Local Secretary.
Easthampton, Granby, South Hadley, Southampton, West Springfield.

Northampton, . Mr. Joseph L. Harrison, Local Secretary.
Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg.

Springfield, . Miss Ida F. Farrar, Local Secretary.
East Longmeadow, Enfield, Greenwich, Longmeadow, Ludlow.

Springfield, . Miss Alice Shepard, Local Secretary.
Agawam, Chicopee, Hampden, Ware, Wilbraham.

Westfield, . . Mr. George L. Lewis, Local Secretary.
Blandford, Chester, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Worthington.

MIDDLESEX AND SUFFOLK. (See also Worcester, South.)

Cambridge, . Miss E. L. Russell, Local Secretary.
Bedford, Belmont, Billerica, Lexington, Waverley.

Concord, . . Miss Helen W. Kelley, Local Secretary.
Acton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Dunstable, Littleton, Maynard, Stow.

Groton, . . Miss Emma F. Blood, Local Secretary.
Ayer, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend.

Lowell, . . Mr. Frederick A. Chase, Local Secretary.
Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, Westford.

Malden, . . Mr. Herbert W. Fison, Local Secretary.
East Everett, Everett, Lynnfield, Medford, Melrose, Wakefield.

Newton, . . Miss Elizabeth P. Thurston, Local Secretary.
Framingham, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, South Framingham, South Natick, Watertown, Wellesley.

Somerville, . Mr. Drew B. Hall, Local Secretary.
Arlington, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop.

Waltham, . . Mr. Orlando C. Davis, Local Secretary.
Hudson, Lincoln, Marlborough, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston.

Woburn, . . Mr. George H. Evans, Local Secretary.
Burlington, North Reading, North Woburn, Reading, Wilmington, Winchester, Stoneham.

NANTUCKET. (See Dukes.)

NORFOLK. (See also Worcester, South.)

Quincy, . . Miss Alice G. White, Local Secretary.
Avon, Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph.

Milton, . . Miss Gertrude E. Forrest, Local Secretary.
Canton, Dedham, Sharon, Stoughton, Westwood.

Norwood, . . Miss Jane A. Hewett, Local Secretary.
Foxborough, Medfield, Norfolk, Plainville, Walpole, Wrentham.

PLYMOUTH. (See also Barnstable.)

Bridgewater, . Miss Lucia L. Christian, Local Secretary.
Carver, Lakeville, Middleborough.

Brockton, . . Mr. Frank H. Whitmore, Local Secretary.
Abington, East Bridgewater, Easton, Rockland, West Bridgewater, Whitman.

Bryantville, . Mrs. Julia W. Morton, Local Secretary.
Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Pembroke.

Hingham, . . Mr. Albert L. Stephenson, Local Secretary.
Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, Scituate, South Weymouth, Weymouth.

Plymouth, . . Miss Nellie E. Thomas, Local Secretary.
Duxbury, Kingston, Marshfield, Marshfield Hills, North Plymouth, Plympton.

SUFFOLK. (See Middlesex.)

WORCESTER (NORTH)

Athol, . . Mrs. May A. Cook, Local Secretary.
Barre, Dana, Petersham, Phillipston.

Brookfield, . Miss Winnifred S. Farrell, Local Secretary.
Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Warren, West Brookfield.

Fitchburg, . Mr. George E. Nutting, Local Secretary.
Ashburnham, Ashby, Lunenburg, Westminster.

Gardner, . . Miss Lilian J. Callahan, Local Secretary.
Hubbardston, Royalston, Templeton, Winchendon.

Lancaster, . . Miss Alice G. Chandler, Local Secretary.
Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Harvard, Leominster, Princeton, Sterling.

Shrewsbury, . Miss Mabel E. Knowlton, Local Secretary.
Grafton, Northborough, Southborough, Westborough.

Worcester, . . Mr. Robert K. Shaw, Local Secretary.
Auburn, Boylston, Holden, Leicester, Oakham, Paxton, Spencer, Rutland, West Boylston.

WORCESTER (SOUTH) (including a Few Towns in Middlesex and Norfolk)

Hopedale, . . Miss Harriet B. Sornborger, Local Secretary.
Bellingham, Dover, Medway, Millis, Upton.

Milford, . . Miss Ethelwyn Blake, Local Secretary.
Ashland, Franklin, Holliston, Hopkinton, Mendon.

Oxford, . . Mrs. Clara A. Fuller, Local Secretary.
Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Webster.

Uxbridge, . . Mrs. Beatrice P. Sprague, Local Secretary.
Blackstone, Douglas, Millbury, Northbridge, Sutton.

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